

USS RENTZ FFG-46



DESERT STORM 1991







USS RENTZ (FFG 46)

THE PACIFIC FLEET'S FINEST BATTLE FRIGATE"



ARABIAN GULF CRUISE 1991

In the Wake of the Storm

A PROUD HERITAGE ...

Named in Honor of

GEORGE SNAVELY RENTZ CDR, USN, CHC

Born on July 25, 1882 in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, George Snavely Rentz graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary, was ordained by the Presbytery of Northumberland in 1909, and pastored churches in Pennsylvania, and New Jersey for eight years.

Following entry of the United States in World War I, he was appointed acting chaplain with the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade and assigned to the 11th Regiment of Marines in France until 1919. He attained the rank of Commander in 1924. Among his sea duty assignments, he served on USS FLORIDA (BB-30); USS WRIGHT (AV-1); USS WEST VIRGINIA (BB-48); AND USS AUGUSTA (CA-31). In 1940, when the USS HOUSTON (CA-30) relieved AUGUSTA as flagship of the Asiatic Fleet, Commander Rentz transferred to the new arrival. It was aboard this cruiser he served so devotedly and enthusiastically, providing the ship's crew and officers with

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY WASHINGTON

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the NAVY CROSS posthumously to

COMMANDER GEORGE SNAVELY RENTZ, CHAPLAIN CORPS
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For extraordinary heroism while attached to the U.S.S. HOUSTON, when that vessel was torpedoed and subsequently sunk by enemy Japanese aerial forces in the Java Sea, February 28, 1942. Finding refuge on an airplane pontoon after abandoning the doomed ship, Commander Rentz became deeply concerned when he observed that many injured survivors of the HOUSTON were floundering in the water without life jackets and struggling desperately to remain afloat by clinging to the sides of dangerously overcrowded rafts and floating debris. Reasoning simply and with great-hearted wisdom and humility, he determined to relinquish both his life jacket and his place on the pontoon to others, declaring in substance, 'You men are young. I am an old man, I have lived the major part of my life and I am willing to go.' Inspired by the complete self-abnegation of their spiritual adviser, no man present was willing that Commander Rentz should so yield his life and every effort was made to restrain him from his avowed intention. Remaining constant throughout the long hours of exposure, he succeeded in leaving the pontoon several times despite frailty and increasing exhaustion, to be brought back by watchful companions each time until finally, taking advantage of the cloaking darkness of night, he placed his life jacket on a wounded man and quietly slipped into the sea to face the Infinite peacefully and with the deep integrity of his spirit unbetrayed by selfish consideration. Held in reverence by every member of his ship's company, Commander Rentz had devoted himself consistently to the well being of all on board the gallant HOUSTON, strengthening their courage and forbearance with enduring faith and sublime understanding and enabling them, in the final extremity, to accept the temporal hardships and uncertainties of their circumstances with stoic fortitude and the will to survive. He gallantly gave his life that others might live."

For the President,

Secretary of the Navy

Chaplain Rentz was the only Navy chaplain to receive the Navy Cross during WWII.



George Snavely Rentz, CDR, USN, CHC

great hope and promise.

During an Allied attack on February 4, 1942, HOUSTON was under severe air attack. Commander Rentz spurned cover and circulated among the crew of the anti-aircraft battery, encouraging them. It was noted by an officer that when crew members at the guns "... saw a man of God walking fearlessly among them, they no longer were alone." In the Flores Sea, during this attack, HOUSTON took a direct hit that disabled turret III and killed 48 men. Less than a month later, HOUSTON was in the Battle of Java Sea with the Australian light cruiser HMAS PERTH. Both ships were outnumbered by a Japanese troop convoy but they persisted in an ensuing melee of fire, causing such confusion as to have a Japanese destroyer fire a spread of torpedoes that passed the allied cruisers and caused four Japanese troopships close inshore to sink. All in all, the involvement was a match for the wounded PERTH and HOUSTON; the Japanese attack on these two cruisers caused them to sink; but they went down fighting to the last second.

It was during the abandonment of HOUSTON that Commander Rentz entered the water and attained partial safety along with other crew members on a spare main float of one of Houston's lost planes. Aware of the extreme overcrowding and dangerous overloading, he attempted to relinquish his space and his life-jacket to wounded survivors nearby, declaring "You men are young, I have lived the major part of my life and I am willing to go." No one would oblige the generous, fearless chaplain. After several attempts of leaving and being brought back by his shipmates, he uplifted them with prayers and songs until, ultimately, he succeeded in placing his life-jacket near a wounded sailor who did not have one, and Commander Rentz courageously slipped away into the sea in the early morning of March 1, 1942.

For his selfless bravery following the loss of HOUSTON in Sumatra Strait that night, he was awarded posthumously the Navy Cross - the only Navy Chaplain to be so honored during World War II.

... CONTINUING THE TRADITION

Ship's History



"RENTZ DOES IT BETTER!"

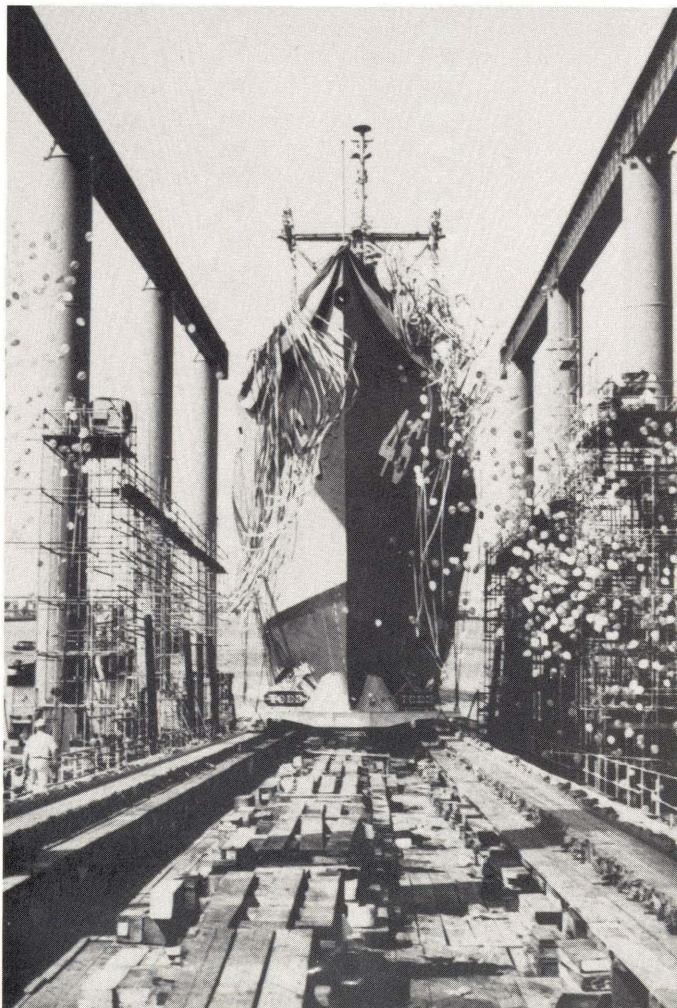
Ship's Characteristics

Built By:	Todd Pacific Shipyards Corporation, Los Angeles Division, San Pedro, CA
Keel Laid:	18 September 1982
Launched:	16 July 1983
Commissioned:	30 June 1984 at Long Beach Naval Station
Displacement:	4000 Tons
Length:	453 Feet
Beam:	47 Feet
Complement:	17 Officers, 13 Chief Petty Officers, 200 Enlisted
Propulsion:	2 - General Electric LM2500 Gas Turbines for 41,000 Shaft Horsepower - 1 Controllable Pitch Propellor - 2 350 Horsepower Electric Auxiliary Propulsion Units
Auxiliaries:	1000 Kilowatt Ship's Service Diesel Generators
Speed:	30 Knots
Aircraft:	2 SH-60B Seahawk Helicopters
Armament:	MK 13 Guided Missile Lancher - HARPOON Anti-Ship Missile - STANDARD Anti-Aircraft Missile - MK 75 76MM/62 Caliber Raid Firing Gun - MC 32 AWW Torpedo Tubes (2 Triple Mounts) - MK 15 Close-in Weapon System
Combat Systems:	- AN/SPS-49 Air Search Radar - AN/SPS-55 Surface Search Radar - MK 92 Fire Control Ssystem - AN/SLQ-32 Electronic Warfare System - MD 36 SRBOC Decoy System - AN/SQS-576 Hullmounted SONAR - An/SOR-19 Tactical Towed Array Sonar - AN/SQQ-89 (V)2 ASW Integration System - LAMPS MK III Weapon System - NTDS - AN/SQR-19 Tactical Towed Array Sonar - AN/SQQ-89(V)2 ASWE Integration System - LAMPS MK III Weapon System - NTDS

USS RENTZ is the fortieth ship of the Oliver Hazard Perry class of Guided Missile Frigates. She was constructed in Long Beach, CA and upon commissioning on June 30, 1984, she became an active member of the U.S. Pacific Fleet. In December of 1985, RENTZ shifted homeport to Naval Station, San Diego, CA where she remains today when not at sea.

RENTZ has operated throughout the Pacific and Indian Oceans, including three major forward deployments to the Arabian Gulf. In 1986 RENTZ participated in an historic port visit to Qingdao, People's Republic of China marking the first warship to visit China since 1949. In July, 1987 RENTZ deployed to the Arabian Gulf where she was the first FFG to act as an Escort Commander and she again deployed to the Gulf in 1989.

RENTZ is currently a member of Destroyer Squadron 33, and has just completed her third major deployment to the Arabian Gulf as part of the USS NIMITZ Battle Group in support of "Operation Desert Storm" from March 01 to August 27, 1991. During "Desert Storm" RENTZ escorted the aircraft carrier NIMITZ in the North Arabian Sea and in the Arabian Gulf. She also made an historic visit to Doha, Qatar, conducted extensive operations with numerous Multi-National and Coalition Force units, and provided area coverage for various operating areas in the Central Arabian Gulf. Also in 1991, RENTZ was awarded the coveted Battle Efficiency Award distinguishing her for proficiency in all warfare areas.



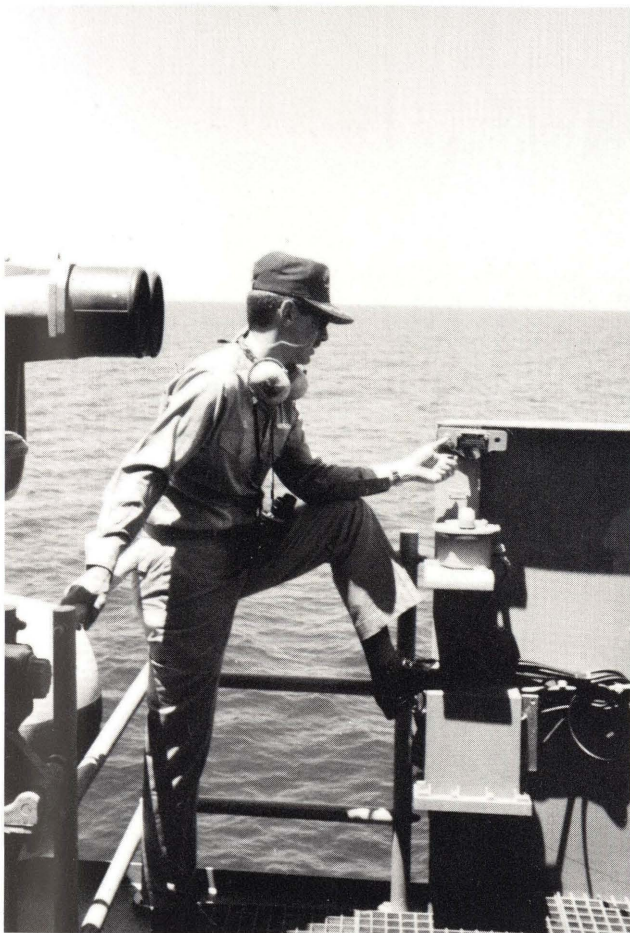
16 July 1983

Commanding Officer



USS RENTZ (FFG 46)

Daniel E. Busch, CDR, USN



Command At Sea

"Only a seaman realizes to what great extent an entire ship reflects the personality and ability of one individual, her Commanding Officer. To a landsman this is not understandable and sometimes even difficult for us to comprehend, but it is so!

A ship at sea is a different world in herself and in consideration of the protracted and distant operations of the fleet units the Navy must place great power, responsibility, and trust in the hands of those leaders chosen for command.

In each ship there is one man who, in the hour of emergency or peril at sea can turn to no other man. There is one who alone is ultimately responsible for the safe navigation, engineering performance, accurate gunfire and morale of his ship. He is the Commanding Officer. He is the ship!

This is the most difficult and demanding assignment in the Navy. There is not an instant during his tour as Commanding Officer that he can escape the grasp of command responsibility. His privileges in view of his obligations are almost ludicrously small; nevertheless Command is the spur which has given the Navy its great leaders.

It is the duty which most richly deserves the highest, time-honored title of the seafaring world ... CAPTAIN."

JOSEPH CONRAD

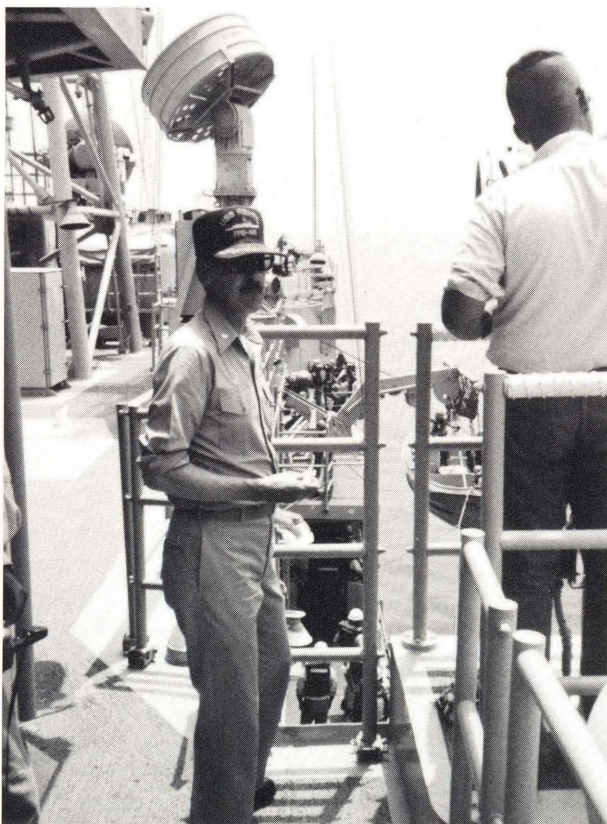
Commander Daniel E. Busch was born and raised in Minnesota. He graduated from Southwest State University, Marshall, Minnesota in 1972 with a Bachelors degree in Elementary Education.

Commissioned at Officer's Candidate School in 1973, he served in the following fleet assignments: USS NAVASOTA (AO 106) as Gunnery Officer and Deck Division Officer, USS ENGLAND (CG 22) as Fire Control Officer, USS ELLIOT (DD 967) as Engineer Officer, USS HORNE (CG 30) as Weapons Officer, and a second tour on the USS ENGLAND as Executive Officer. Shore duty assignments include Naval Sea Systems duty assignments include Naval Sea Systems Command, where he served as the Test and Evaluation Officer for the AEGIS Program Office; and the Naval Military Personnel Command as the Assistant Surface Commander Detailer. Commander Busch was assigned as Commanding Officer of USS RENTZ (FFG 46) in December 1990.

A graduate of the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, Commander Busch earned a Master of Science degree in Engineering Science. He is a proven subspecialist in weapons systems technology.

Commander Busch has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with gold star in lieu of second award, and Navy Achievement Medal with gold star in lieu of a second award.

Commander Busch is married to former Patricia L. Richardson of Riverside California.



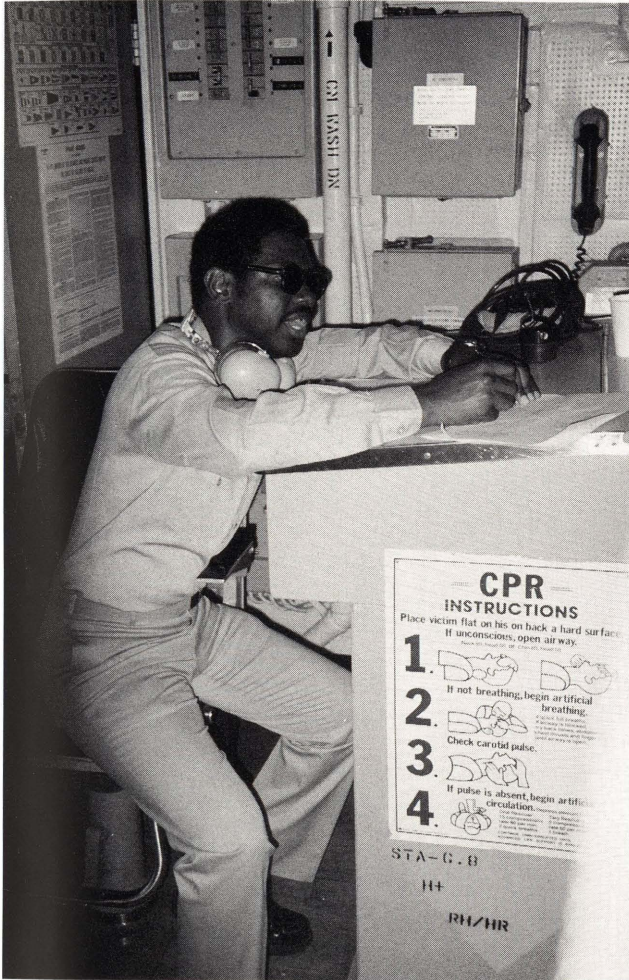
December 20, 1990 to present

Executive Officer



USS RENTZ (FFG 46)

Marvel T. Jackson, LCDR, USN



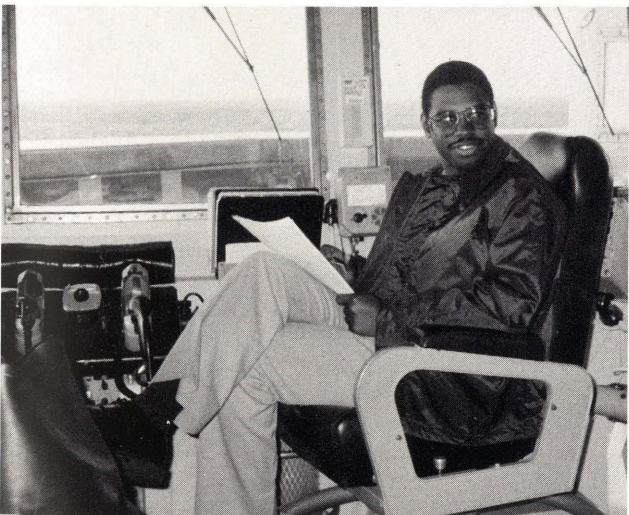
Lieutenant Commander Jackson is a native of Killeen, Texas, and graduated with honors from Prairie View A&M University in December 1976.

His first assignment was as an Oceanographic Watch Officer at the Naval Facility, Eleuthera, Bahamas. Upon detachment from Eleuthera in December 1978, Lieutenant Commander Jackson requested and received instruction at Surface Warfare Officer School in San Diego, California. Designated a Surface Warfare Officer in 1980, he served as the Damage Control Assistant and Repair Officer aboard the **USS GRIDLEY** (CG-21) until December 1982.

From March 1983 to June 1985, Lieutenant Commander Jackson was assigned to Navy Recruiting District Los Angeles as an Officer Recruiter for Command Navy Recruiting Area Eight. He then attended the Surface Warfare Officer School (Department Head Course) and was subsequently assigned to **USS CROMMELIN** (FFG-37) as Combat Systems Officer. After an eighteen month tour as a department head aboard the **CROMMELIN**, for which he was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal for his performance during the Kuwaiti Tanker Convoy Escort operations in the Persian Gulf, Lieutenant Commander Jackson was assigned to **USS STERETT** (CG-31). On this Forward Deployed Cruiser, home-ported in the Republic of the Philippines, he served as Combat Systems Officer and Special Weapons Officer until December 1989. In January 1990 he was transferred to the Armed Forces Staff College, and completed a six-month course in joint plans and operations. In October 1990, he was assigned to the **USS RENTZ** (FFG-46) as the Executive Officer.

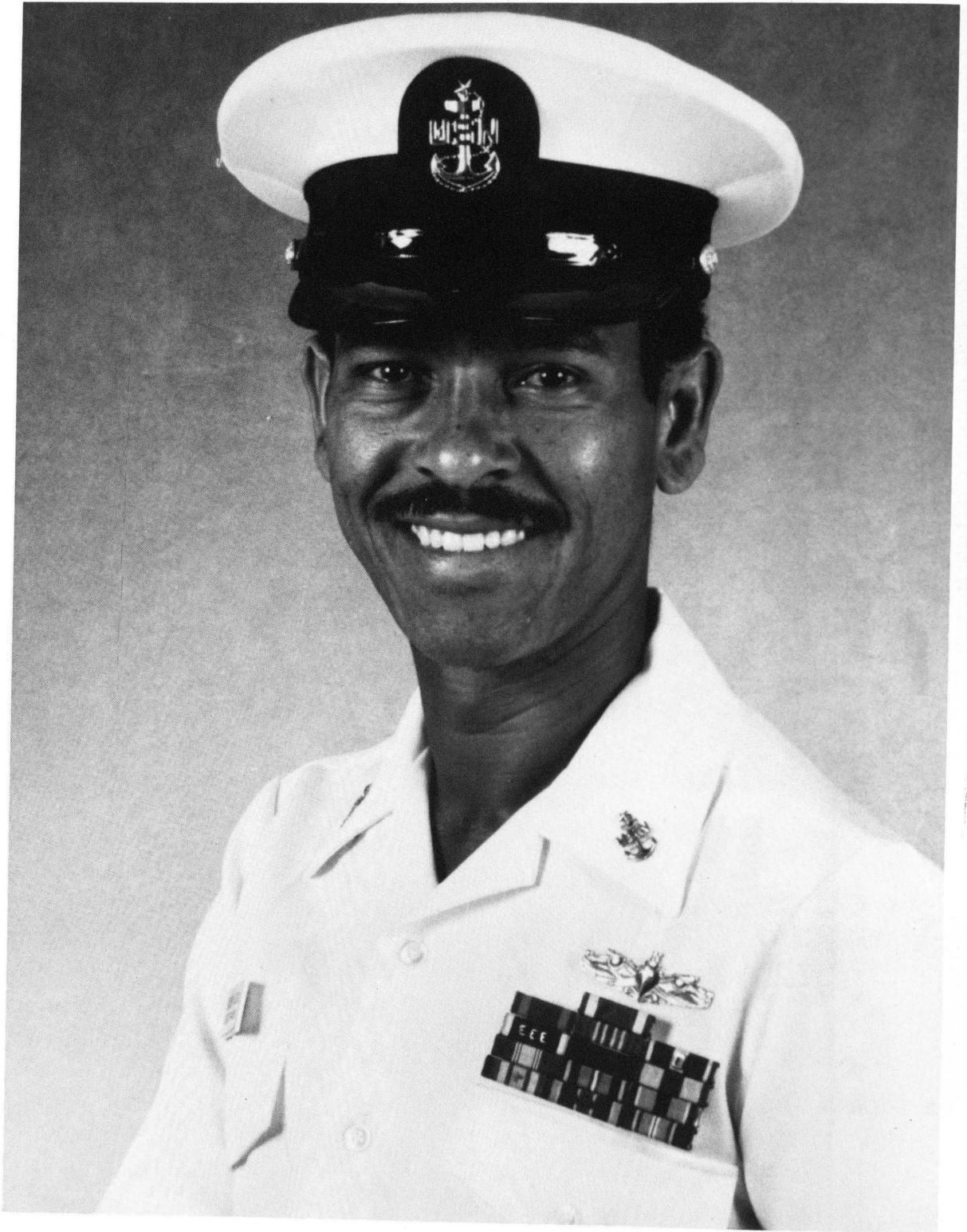
Lieutenant Commander Jackson has been awarded the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, the meritorious Unit Commendation, and various campaign and service ribbons.

Lieutenant Commander Jackson is married to the former Gloria Johnson of Timpson, Texas. They have two children: Marvel and Crystal.



October 10, 1990 to present

Command Senior Chief

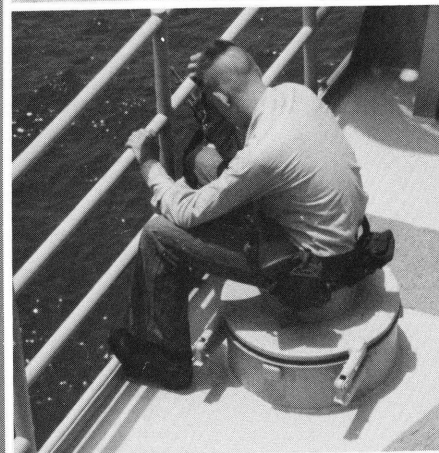
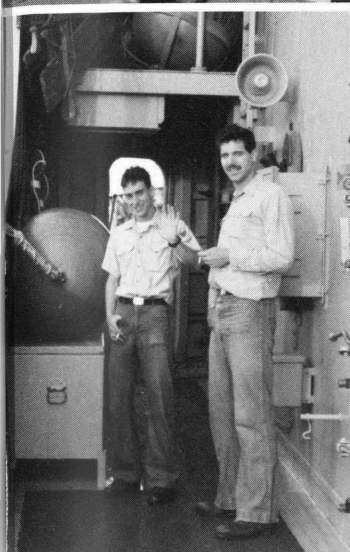
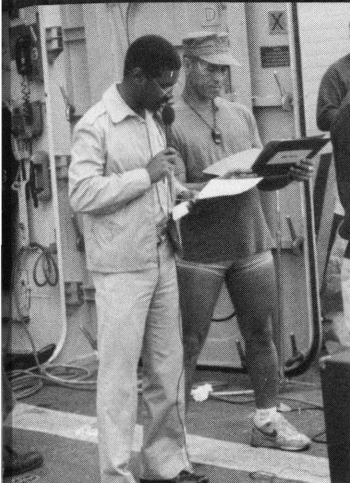


Carmelon Figueroa, RMCS(SW), USN

THE CREW

"RENTZ DOES IT BETTER!" is more than just a motto. We have proven by numerous feats of excellence from receiving the Battle Efficiency Award to acts of diplomacy and impressive seamanship, and by impressive displays of overall warfighting capability, that RENTZ is the "Pacific Fleet's Finest Battle Frigate."

All of this would never have been if not for RENTZ' top notch crew of dedicated men who have labored and trained to maintain her at her lofty level. RENTZ has an outstanding reputation and it stems completely from the level of professionalism and dedication of her crew. In the words of Admiral Arleigh A. Burke, "She's good because of the people in her, without them she is a mass of steel."



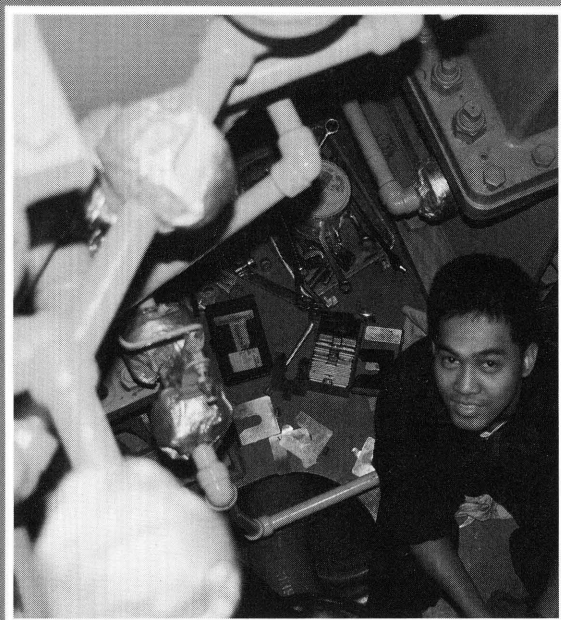
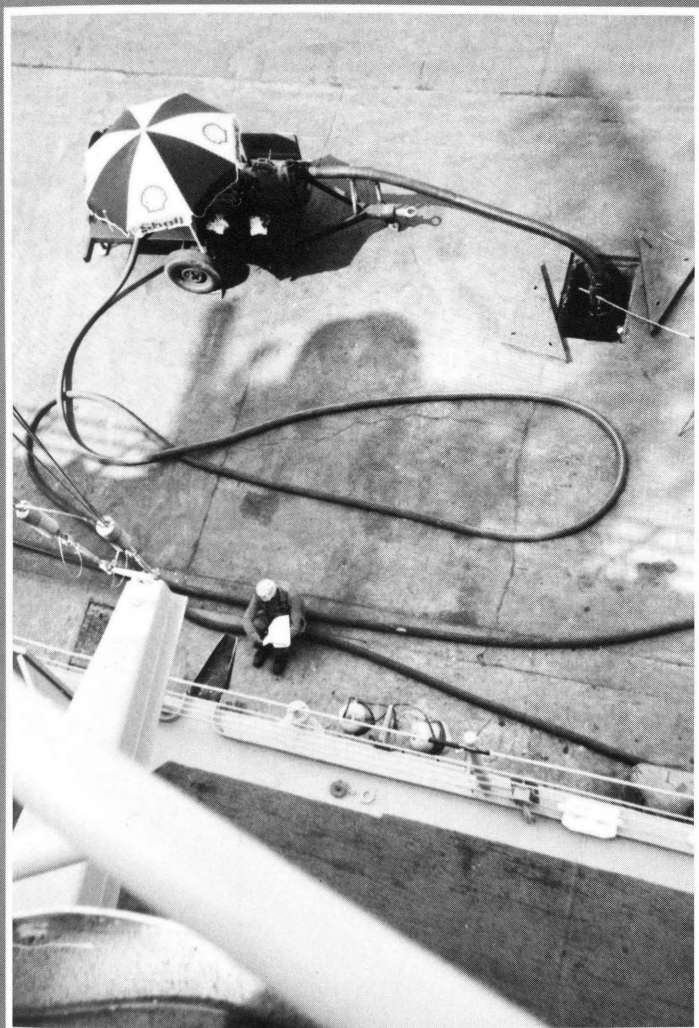
Engineering Department

"We Provide the Ride"

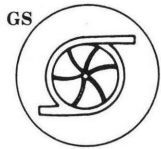


LT Christopher J. Kisbert
Engineer Officer

The Engineering Department is responsible for the operation, maintenance and repair of the ship's propulsion and auxiliary equipment. The department is made up of three divisions. E-1 Division is comprised of Gas Turbine Mechanical (GSM) And Gas Turbine Electrical (GSE) technicians responsible for the operation and maintenance of the ship's main propulsion equipment. E-2 Division is manned by Electricians Mates (EM), responsible for the ship's electrical power and equipment, and Enginemen (EN) responsible for the auxiliary equipment and ship's diesels. E-3 Division includes Hull Technicians (HT), responsible for the ship's piping and hull repair, Machinery Repairmen (MR) responsible for fabricating emergency parts, and Damage Controlmen responsible for readiness of Damage Control equipment.



E-1 Division

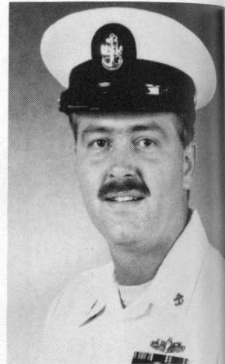


Gas Turbine Technician

The Gas Turbine Mechanical rating is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the main propulsion gas turbine engines, and their associated systems. In addition, the Gas Turbine Electricians are responsible for the electronic control circuitry associated with the various control consoles (both main propulsion and auxiliary power).

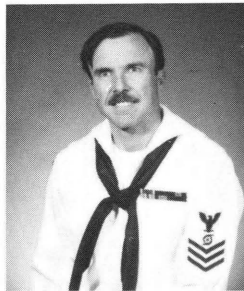


LTJG Terry L. Hunter
Main Propulsion Assistant

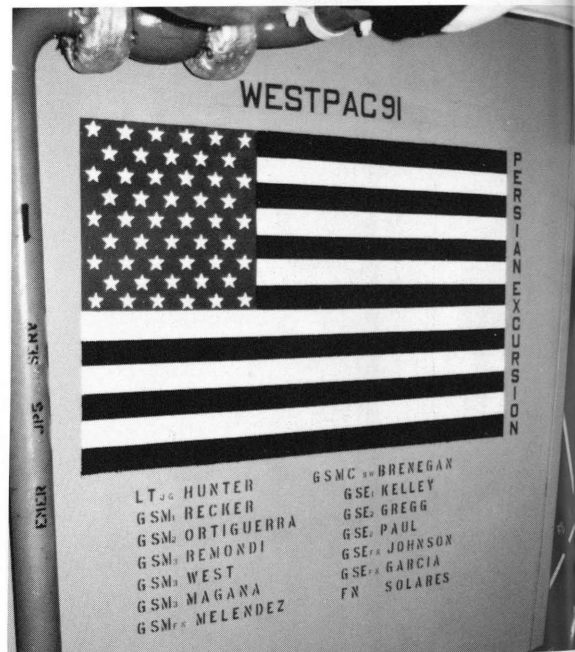
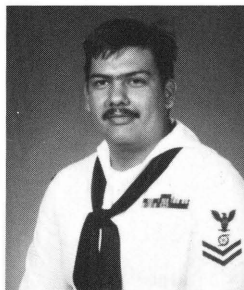


GSMC(SW) Jon D. Brenegan

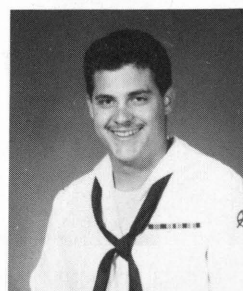
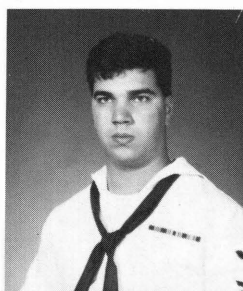
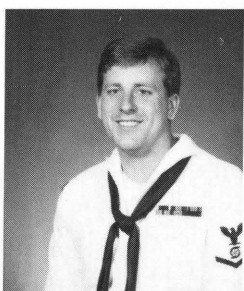
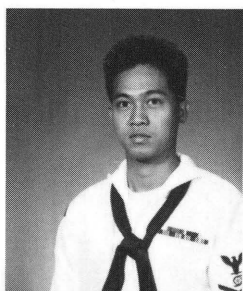
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GSE1 Barry A. Kelley



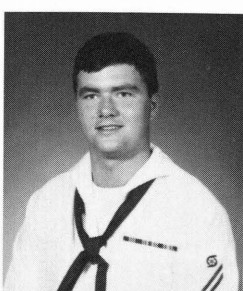
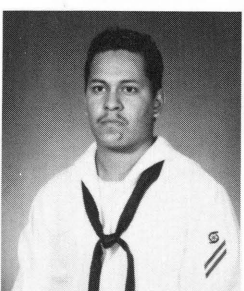
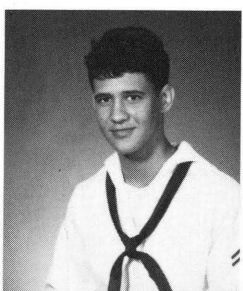
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GSE2 Randolph S. Paul

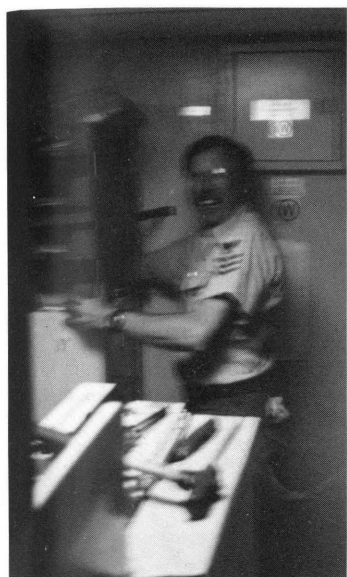


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GSM3 Steven A. West
GSM3 David B. Remondi
FN Tonio Hernandez



GSMFN Rene A. Melendez
GSEFA Mauricio Garcia
GSMFA Jason E. Medley
Not Pictured:
GSE2 Gregg
GSEFN Tony Johnson





Full Power Trail ?



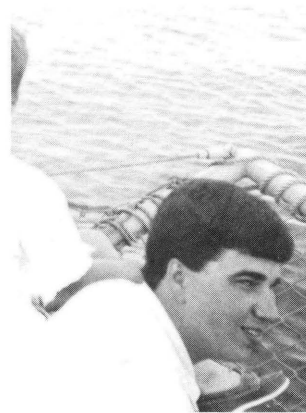
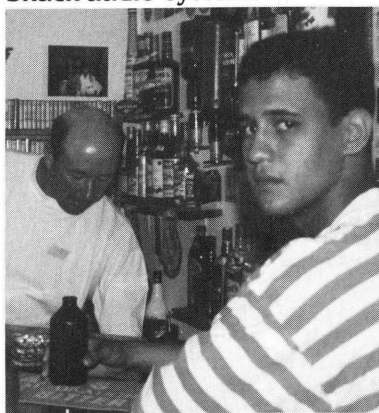
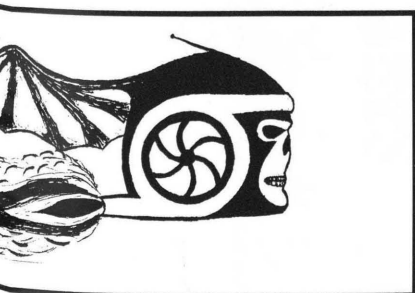
GSMC Brenegan springs a leak.



Paul, The Thinker



Above: FN Hernandez and EN3 Lock display the famed Oil Shack audio system.

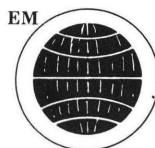


E-2 Division



Enginemen

Enginemen are responsible for maintaining various systems which provide life support to ship's personnel such as potable water, air-conditioning/refrigeration and diesel engines for electricity.



Electricians Mate

Electricians Mates are responsible for the operation, maintenance and repair of motors, generators and power and lighting distribution system by utilizing a wide variety of test equipment. Electricians also operate and maintain movies and motion picture equipment.

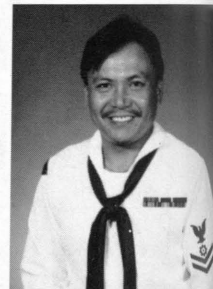
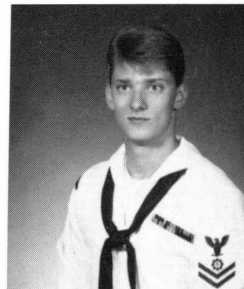
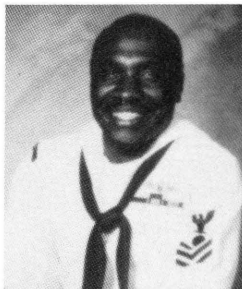
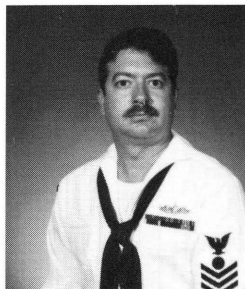


LTJG James L. Minta
Auxiliaries Officer

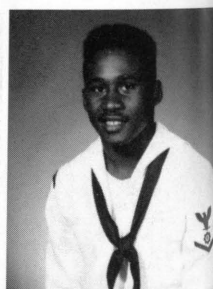
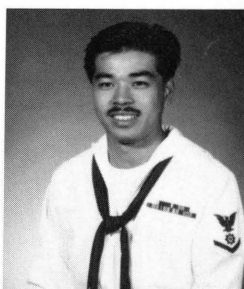
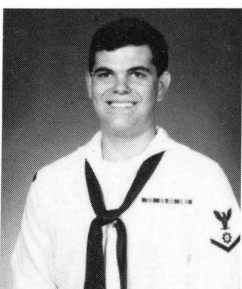
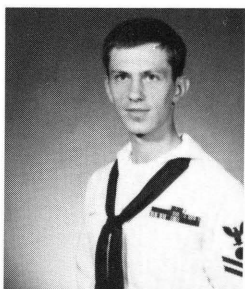


ENS Michael J. Houghton
Prospective Auxo

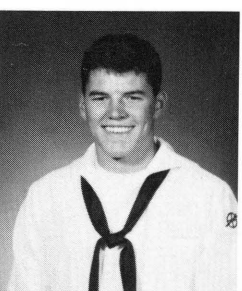
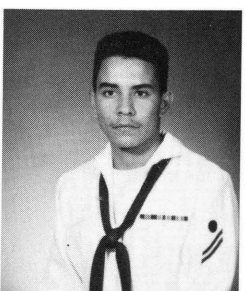
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EM1(SW) Filmore D. Hennis
EN2 John W. Beaver
EN2 Ramon D. Cervantes



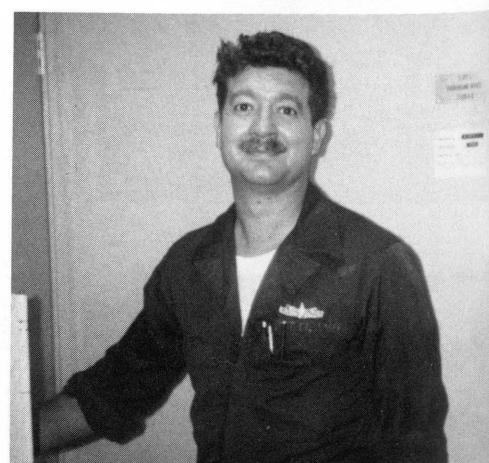
EM2 Mark A. Morgan
EN3 Daniel L. Bussett
EN3 Patrick W. Lock
EN3 Kenneth D. Patton



EMFA Nevarez M. Avila
FR Scott I. Ingram



Not Pictured:
EMFN Brett A. Haun
FN Ray



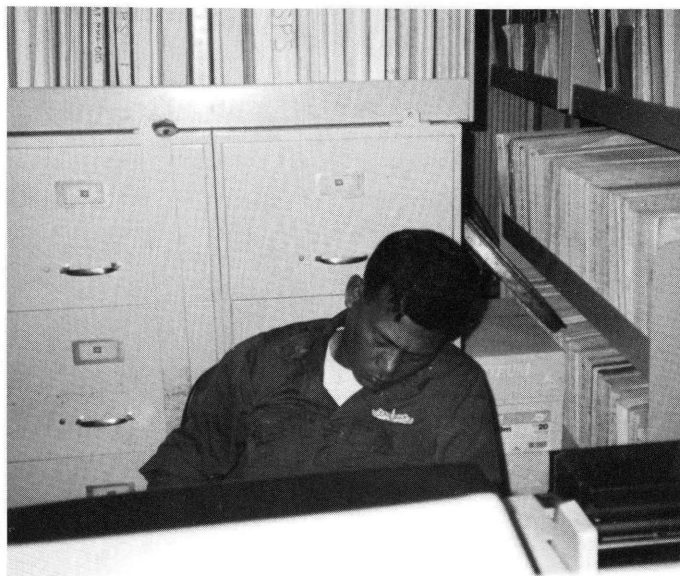
EM1 Vattilano, you're caught!



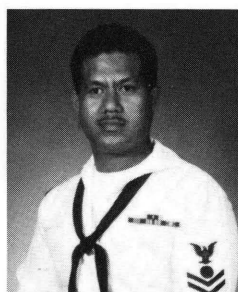
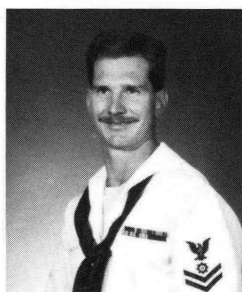
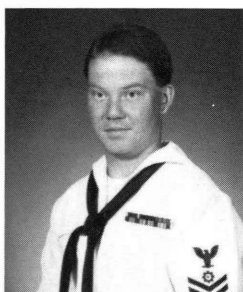
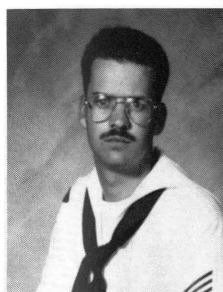
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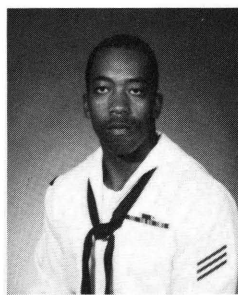
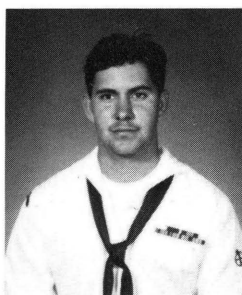
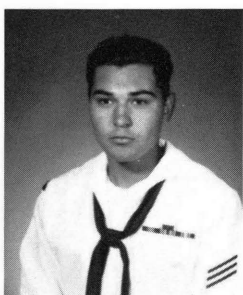
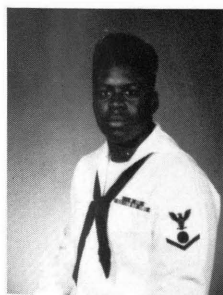
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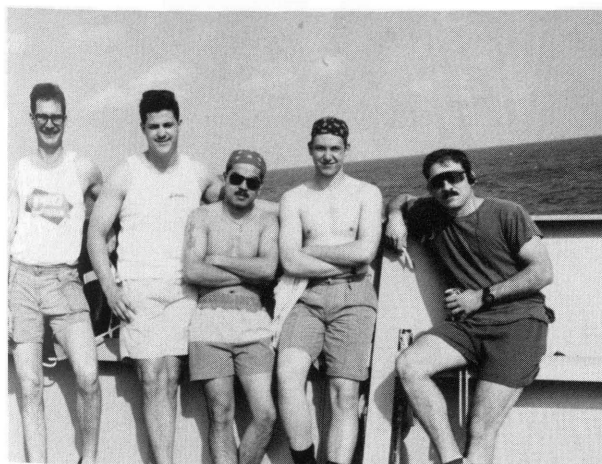
ENC Monton hard at work on SNAP II computer



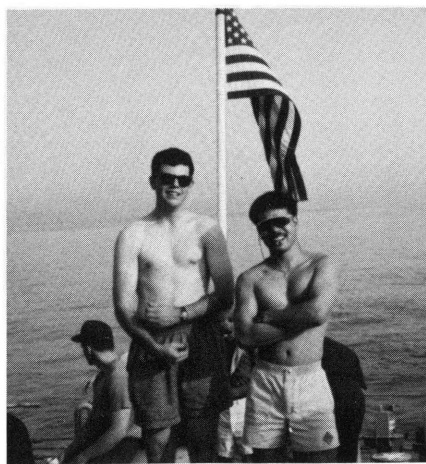
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EN2 Matthew W. Hoag
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EM2 Ututofo T. Malaga



EM3 Levi D. Timmons
FN David A. Solares
FN Tom K. Teague
FN Frank C. Williams

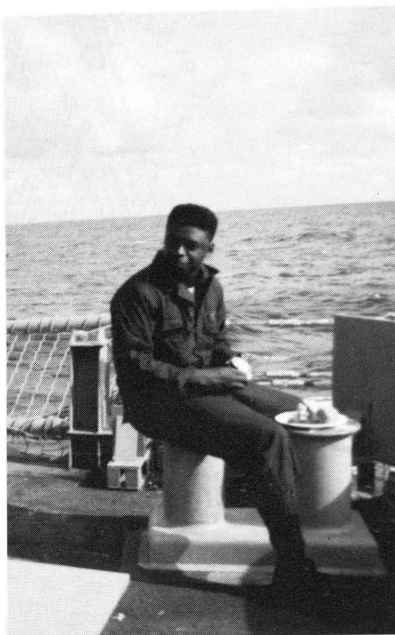


A Motley crew indeed!



Showin' off for the Mermaids?

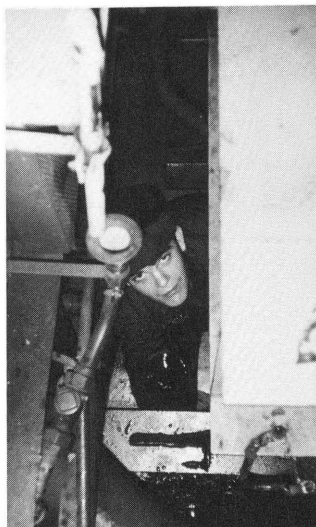
E-2 SNAP SHOTS



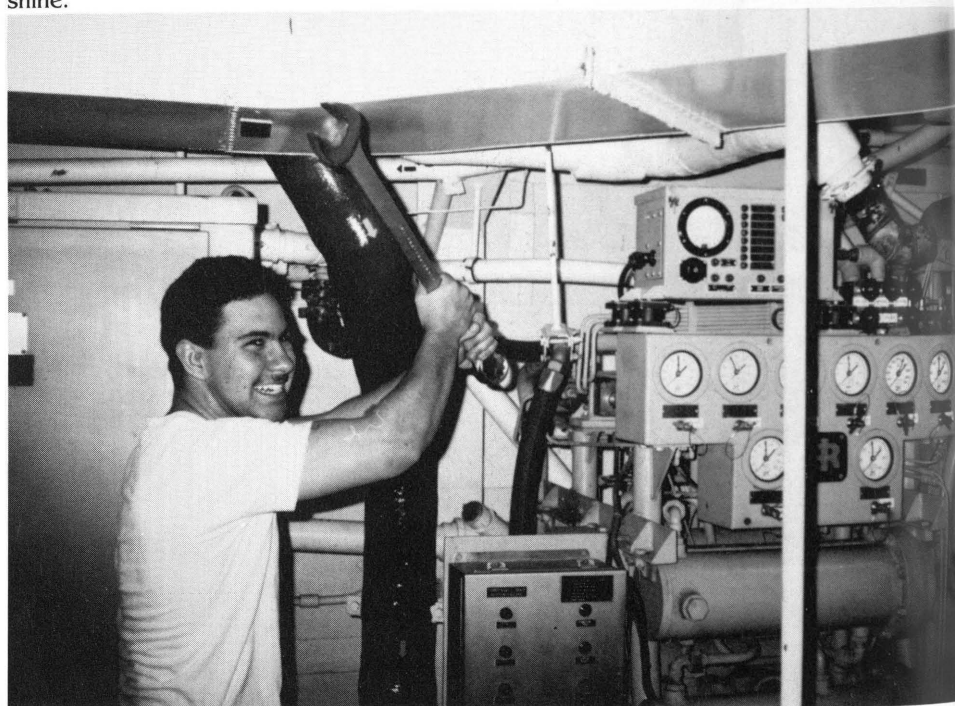
EM3 Timmons enjoys a bit of sunshine.



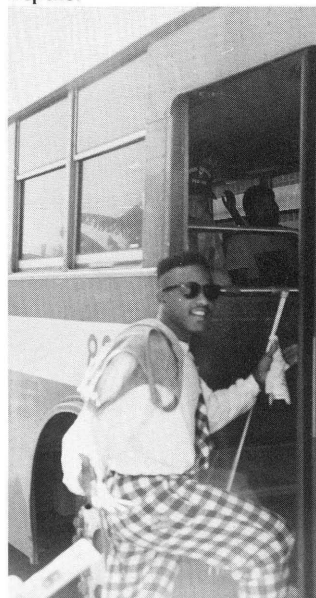
A friendly face always says "Have a nice day."



EN3 Bussett lurking in the depths.



A rough day in AMR3 for FN Teague.



EN3 Patton, liberty bound.



Planning an ice cream raid.

E-3 Division



Machinery Repairman

The Machinery Repairman serves as the ship's machinist. He makes precision repairs to machinery. He may at times be called upon to manufacture repair parts from plain materials.



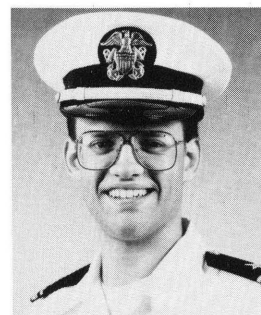
Hull Maintenance Technician

Hull Maintenance Technicians repair and maintain the ship's hull and piping systems. Damage Control training and maintenance of Damage Control Equipment are also key functions of the hull maintenance technicians.

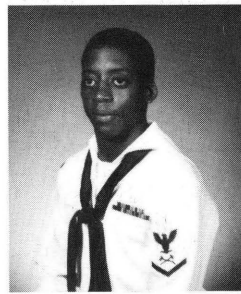
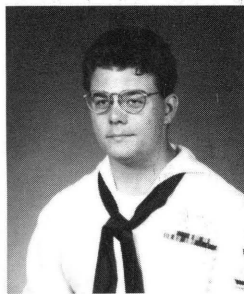
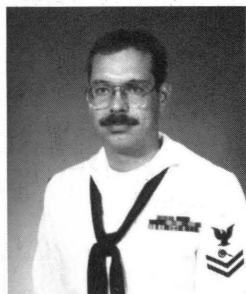
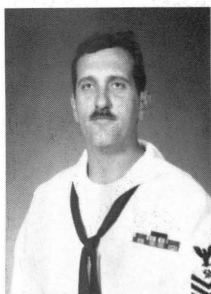


Damage Controlman

DCs perform the work necessary for damage control, ship stability, fire-fighting, and chemical, biological, and radiological (CBR) warfare defense. They instruct personnel in damage control and CBR defense and repair damage-control equipment and systems.



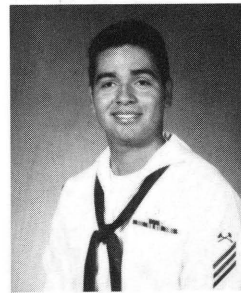
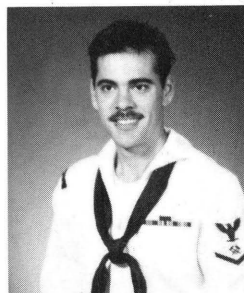
LTJG David C. Ruley
Damage Control Assistant



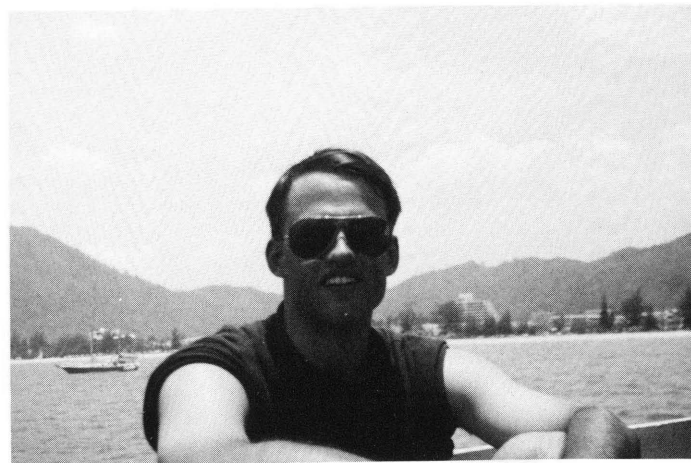
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MR2 Clifford G. McHendry
DC2 Anthony W. Alvarez
DC3 Derrick O. Chisolm

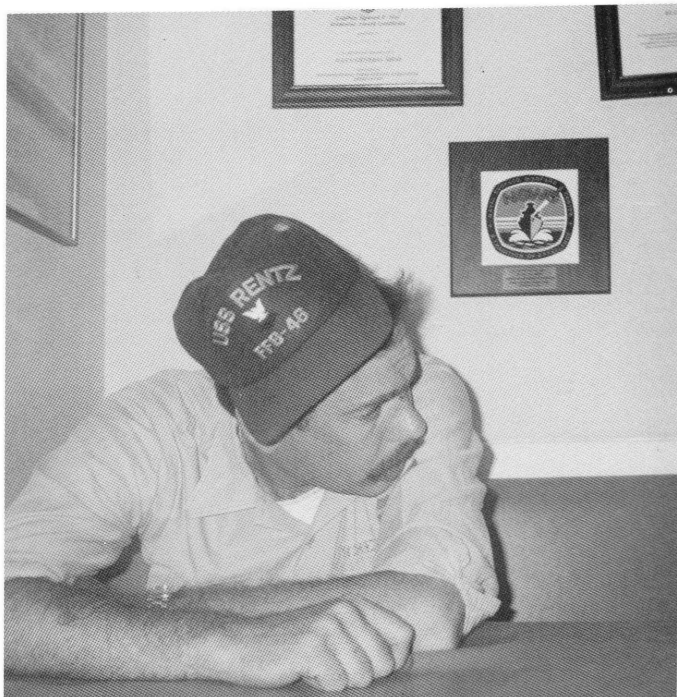


A bright-eyed and bushy-tailed HT3
McKinney.



HT3 Michael W. McKinney
DCFA Thomas E. Muniz
Not Pictured:
DC2 Edward V. Lownsdale



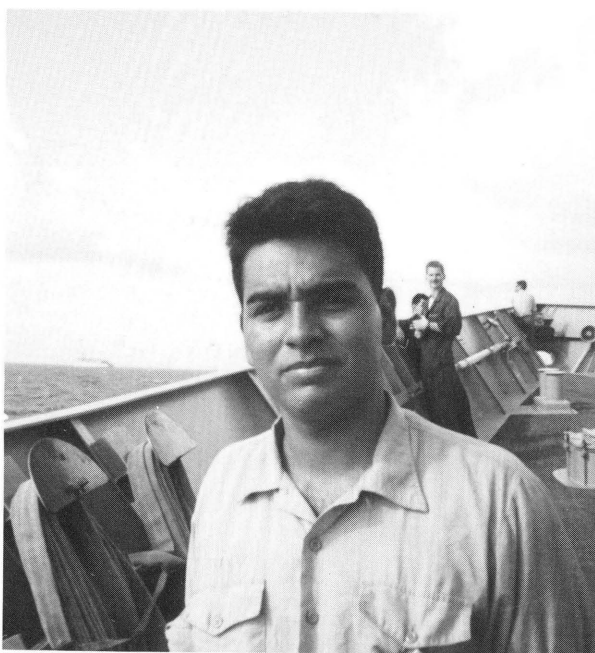


A hard day's night for MR2 McHendry.

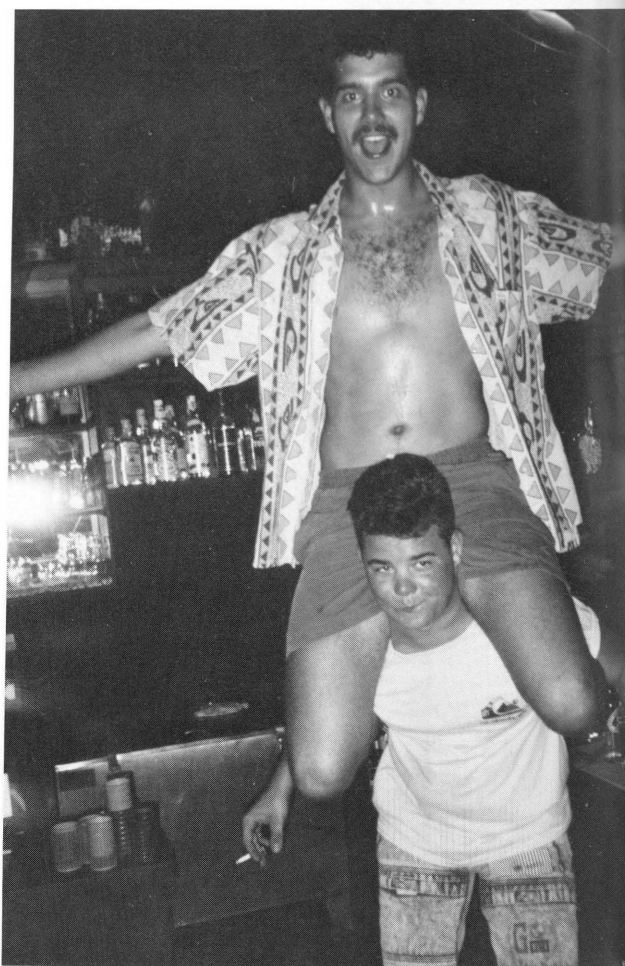


Another false flooding alarm!

E-3 Around and About



DCFA Muniz checking which way the wind blows.



DC3 Alvarez demonstrates that DCs often have more than a heavy workload to carry.

DC OLYMPICS



Supply Dept shows how rigging a P-250 is done.



DC2 Lownsdale coaches the Engineers just a little.



"Ready, Set, Go!"

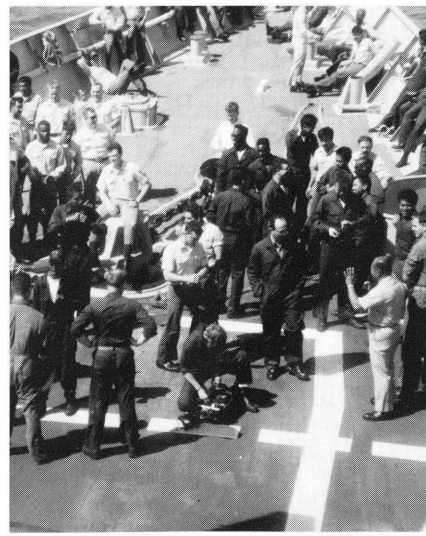
A
Chance
for
Team-
work



"What is this P-250 anyway?"



The O's did pretty well.



OBA Races.

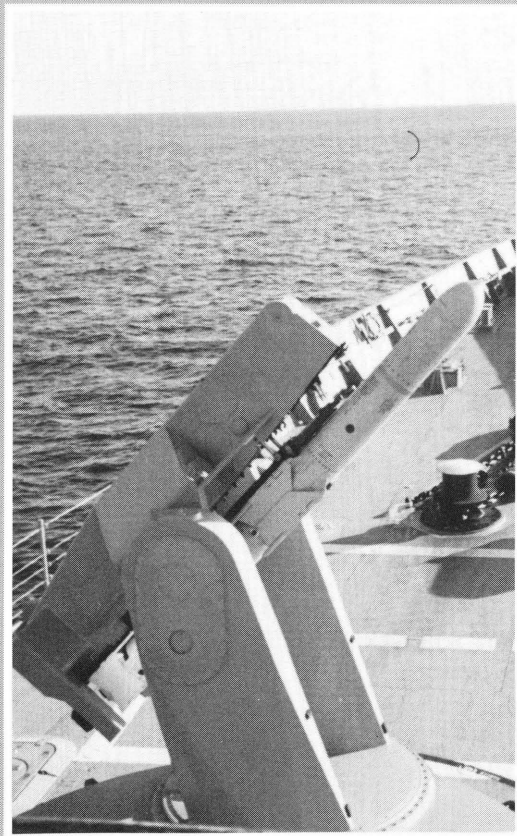
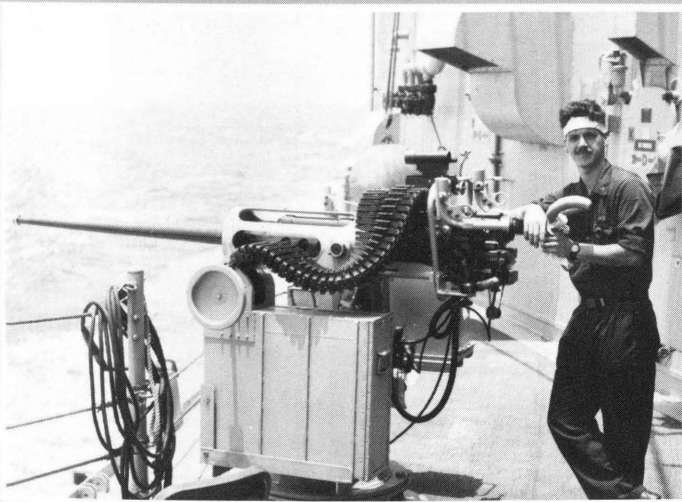
Combat Systems Department

"Combat Ready"

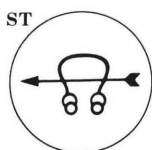


LT Paul Berryman
Combat Systems Officer

The Combat Systems Department is responsible for the operation, maintenance and repair of the ship's weapons and sensor systems. The department is composed of Sonar Technicians (STG) who operated and maintain passive and active sensors to search, track and attack submarines. Torpedoman's Mates (TM) operate and maintain the ship's torpedo launchers and associated anti-submarine torpedoes. The Fire Control Technicians, Gunner's Mates (Guns), and Gunner's Mates (Missiles) - FC, QMG, and QMM - are responsible for the employment, operation and maintenance of all gunnery and missile systems. Electronics Technicians (ET) maintain and repair the ship's electronic communications systems, navigational equipment, radars, displays and supporting test equipment. Data Systems Technicians (DS) perform maintenance and repair of the ship's computer systems, displays and associated equipment. Interior Communications Electricians (IC) maintain and repair the ship's gyro compass, the interior communications systems, ship's alarms and the ship's entertainment system. Collectively, these men form a highly sophisticated and professional team in today's warfare arena.

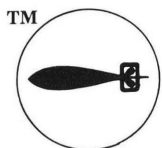


CS-2 Division



Sonar Technician

Search, detect, analyze and attack submarines. Operate and repair sonar and associated equipment. Also perform underwater navigation.



Torpedoman's Mate

Maintains and operates the MK 32 Torpedo Tubes and associated equipments. Prepares torpedoes and loads them for launch during anti-submarine attacks.

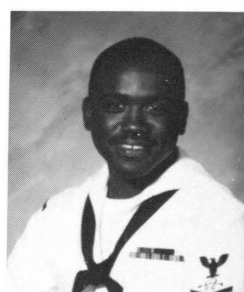
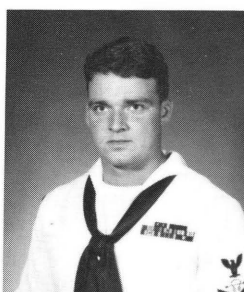


LTJG Thomas E. Coker
Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer

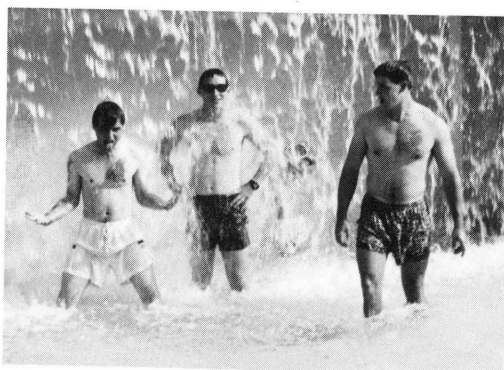
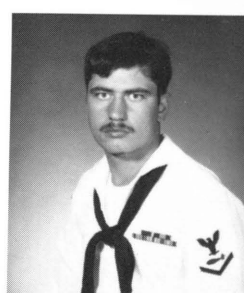
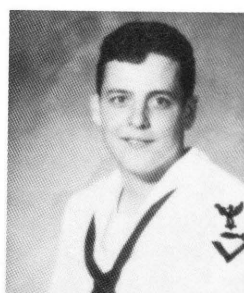
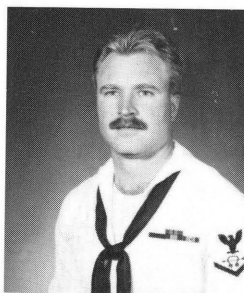


STGC(SW) Robert E.
Arthur

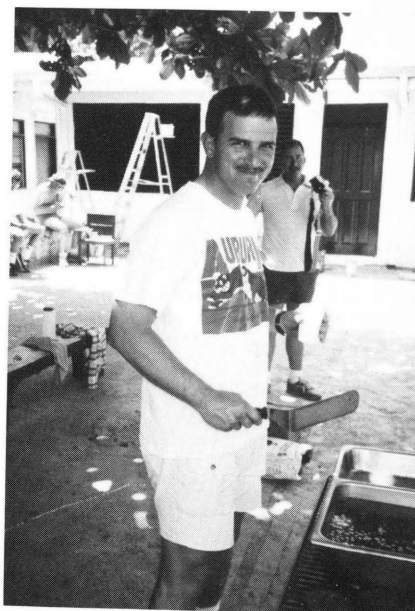
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Van Ausdall
STG2 Darren A. Castner
STG2 Arvin L. Payton



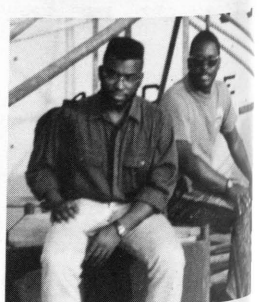
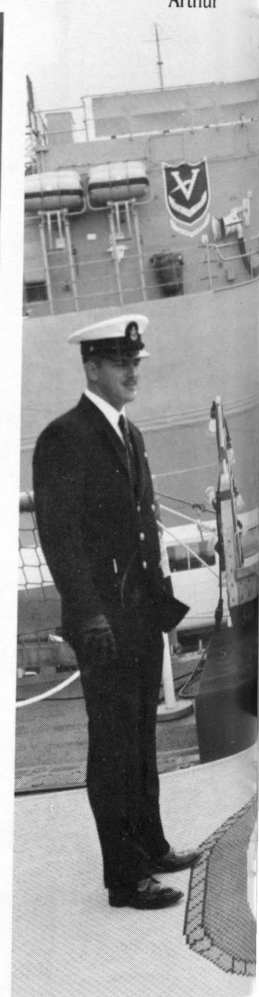
STG3 Daniel A.
Jankowski, II
TM3 James C. Ambrose
TM3 Tommy J. McGee



We Do It Subsurface



And he cooks too!



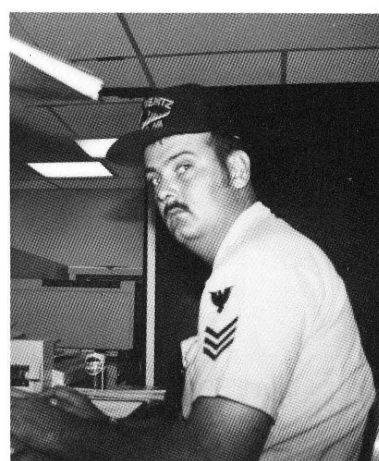
"Anti-Submarine Warfare is our business: Hunt 'Em, Track 'Em, Bring 'Em in."



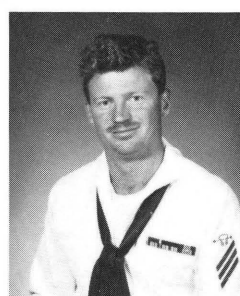
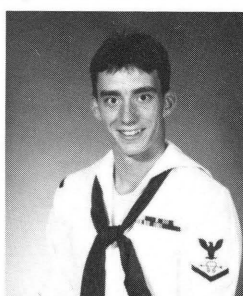
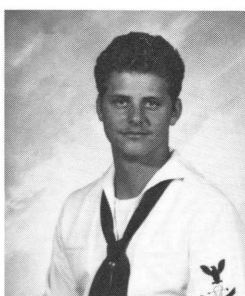
Latest in ASW Tactics.



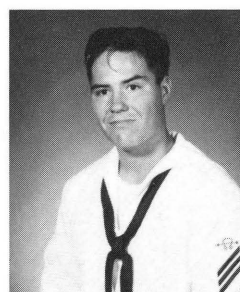
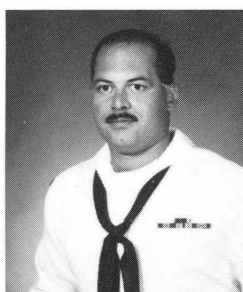
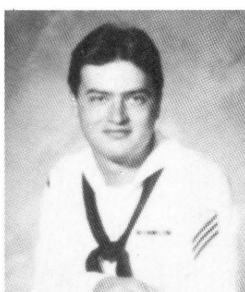
Ambushed by a native in Oman.



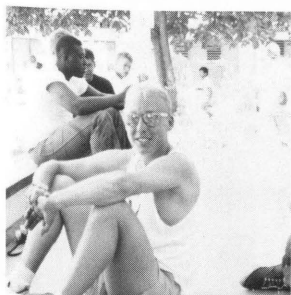
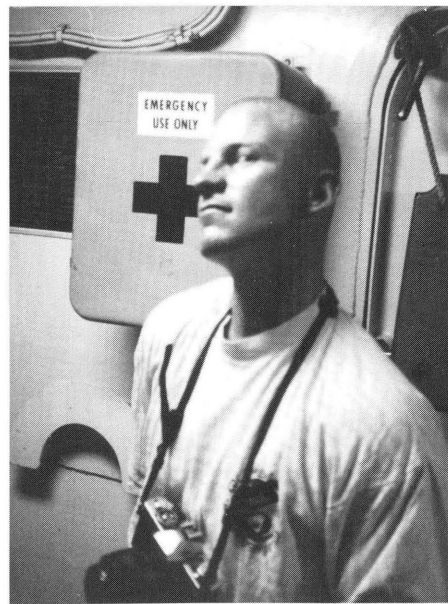
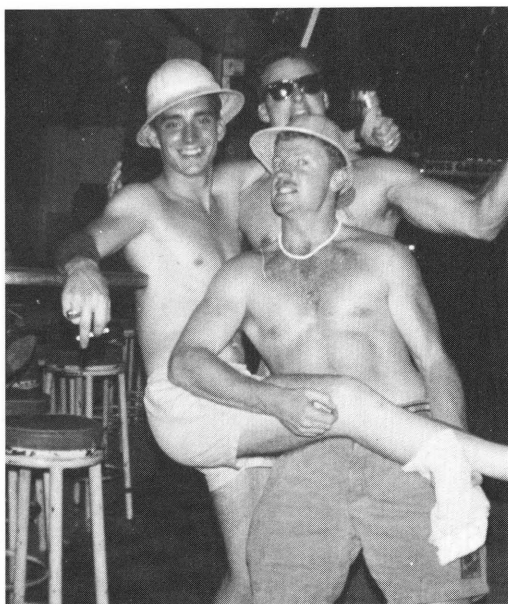
Command Career Counselor hard at work.



TM2 Kenneth Gorbey
STG3 Richard H.W.
Newland
STGSN Eric Smith



STGSN Daniel T. Hill
STGSN Anthony C. Rosa
STGSN Richard Porras
Not Pictured:
STG1 (SW) Kevin
Henderson



Above: Strangeness is a job requirement.
Left: STG1 "Flo" Henderson

CS-3 Division

GM



Gunner's Mate

Operate and maintain the MK 75 76mm/62 caliber gun mount and the MK 13 Mod 4 Guided Missile Launching System.

FC

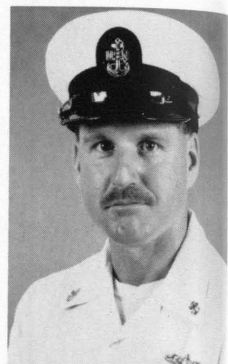


Fire Controlman

FC's maintain the control mechanism used in weapons systems on combat ships. Complex electronic, electrical, and hydraulic equipment is required to ensure the accuracy of Navy guided-missile and surface gunfire-control systems. FCs are responsible for the operation, routine care, and repair of this equipment which includes radars, computers, weapons direction equipment, target designation systems, gyroscopes, and rangefinders.

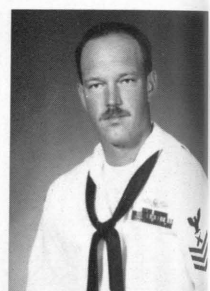
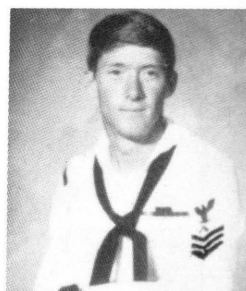
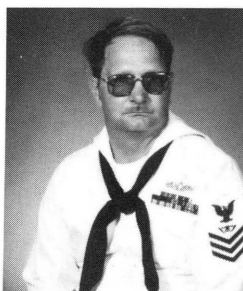
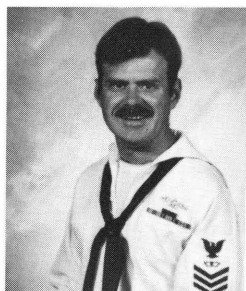


LTJG Maximillian F.S.
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Ordnance Officer

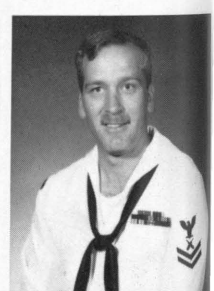
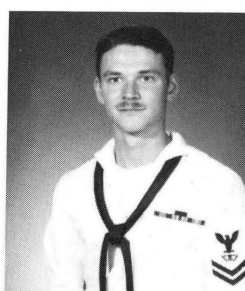
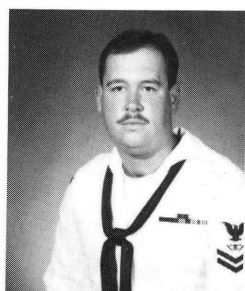


GMC(SW/AW) Marty L.
Brackin

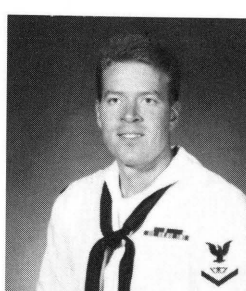
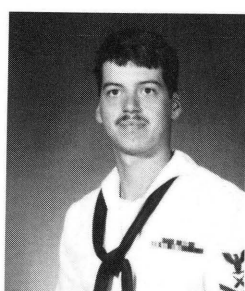
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FC1(SW) Steven J.
Mateicka
GMM1(SW) Floyd Meade, II
GMM1(SW) Dale A. Fundak



FC2 Kevin W. Hollis
FC2 Jason T. Joseph
FC2 Koby E. Knight
GMG2 Joel A. Plunkett



GMM2 Bruce A. Jones
FC3 Matthew R. Simmon



Not Pictured:
FC2(SW) Mark A. Packard
GMG3 Fedricio A. Esparza
GMG2 Andrew T. Wilkerson



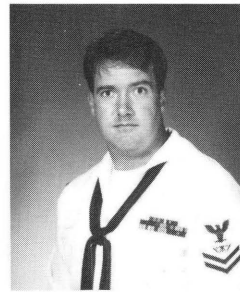
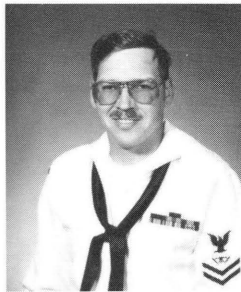
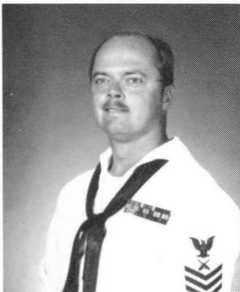
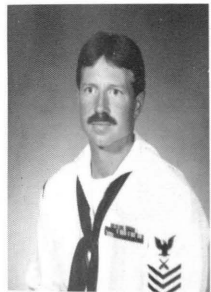
FC2 Joseph gives a big underwater smile.



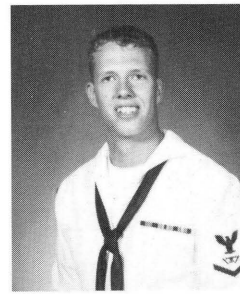
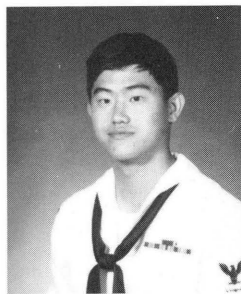
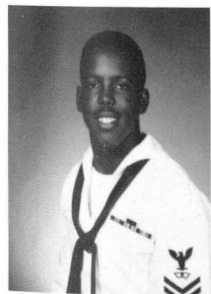
FCC Ronney G. Dixon



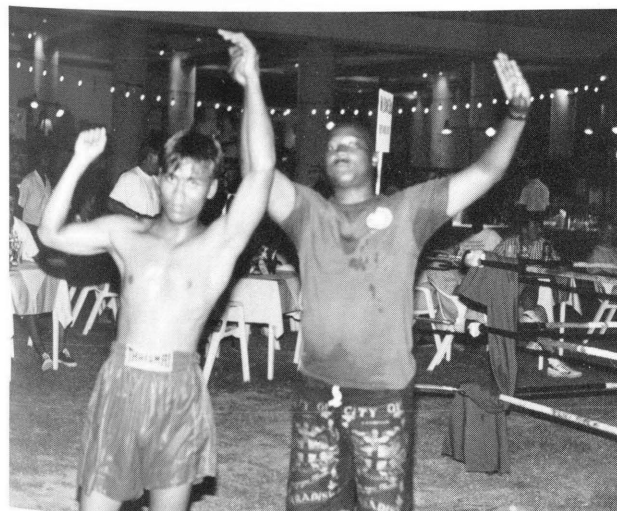
An ORDO And His Gun.



GMG1 Larry D. Hainline
GMM1 Frank L. Shirey
FC2 Russell D. Addison JR.
FC2 Mark D. Doby



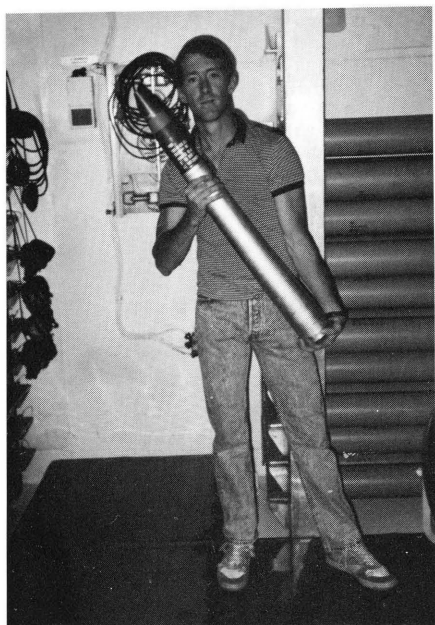
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GMM3 Michael J. Bergmann
FC3 Alex S. Chui
FC3 Shaun D. Huntsman



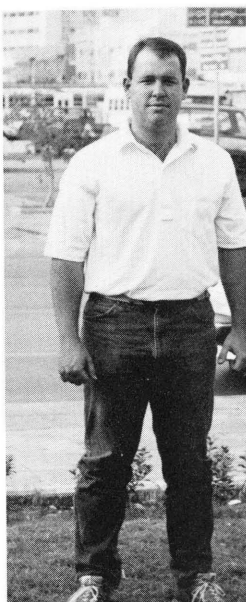
On latest Thai boxing match, FCC Dixon claims "Poor guy never had a chance."



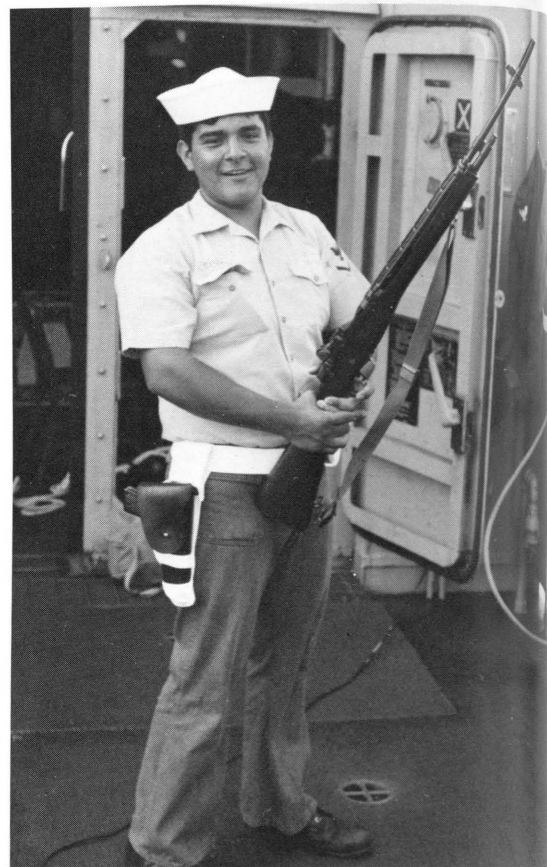
"Tackleberry."



Look Ma.



FC3 Hollis



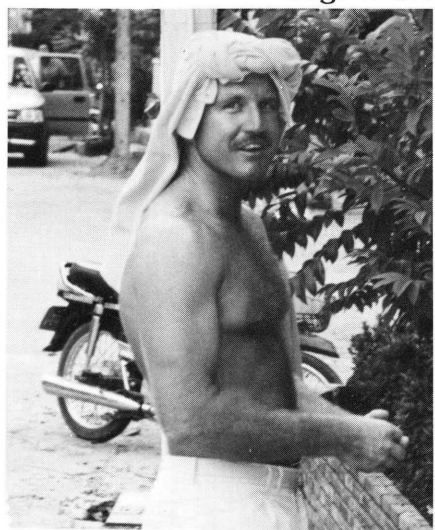
GMG3 Esparza displaying tools of the trade.



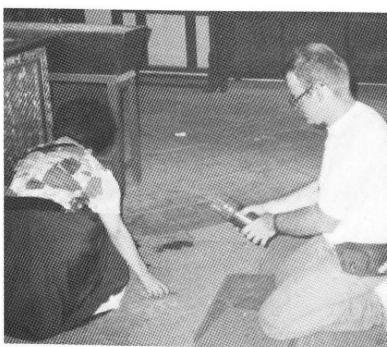
"Dougla Whale"



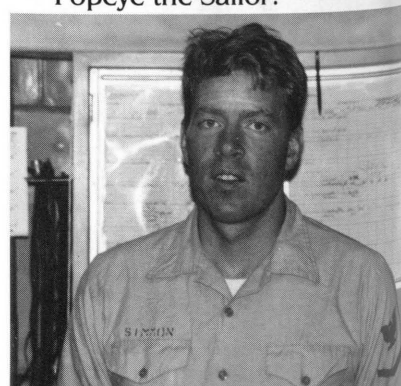
Popeye the Sailor?



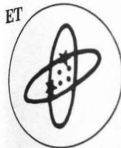
Left, GMC Brackin in disguise.



FC1 Putnam participates in a native ritual.



CS-4 Division



Electronics Technician

Responsible for the maintenance and repair of shipboard radio communications, radars, computers and peripheral equipment.



Data Systems Technician

Responsible for the maintenance and repair of shipboard computers and peripheral equipment.

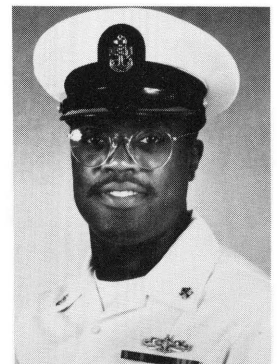


Interior Communications Technician

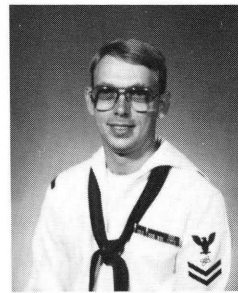
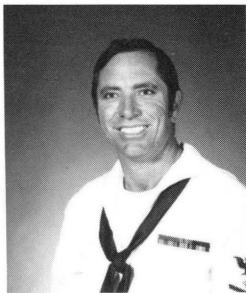
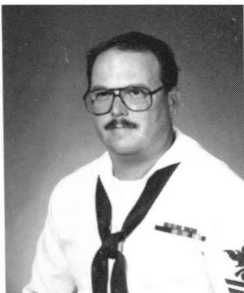
Responsible for the maintenance and repair of shipboard communications equipment, alarm and warning systems, and navigation equipment.



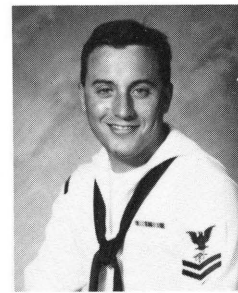
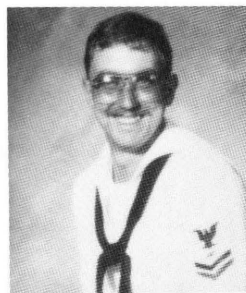
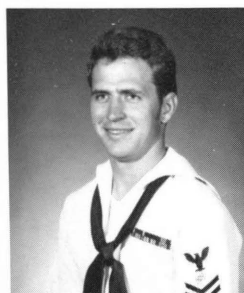
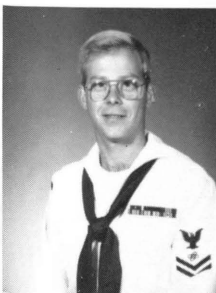
LTJG Brian P. Zobel
Electronic Readiness
Officer



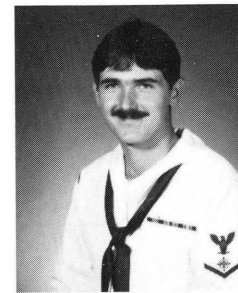
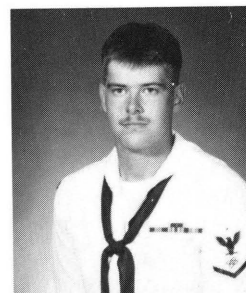
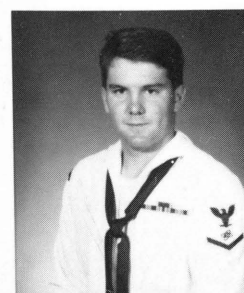
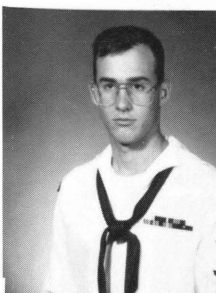
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Thompson, III



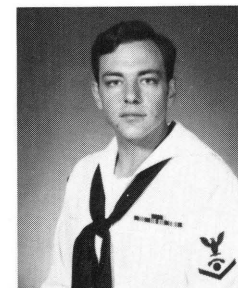
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IC1 Tracy J. Thomas
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ET2 Ronnie L. Compton



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DS2(SW) Timothy M.
Thompson



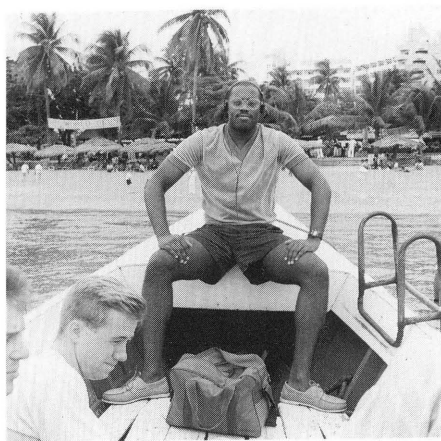
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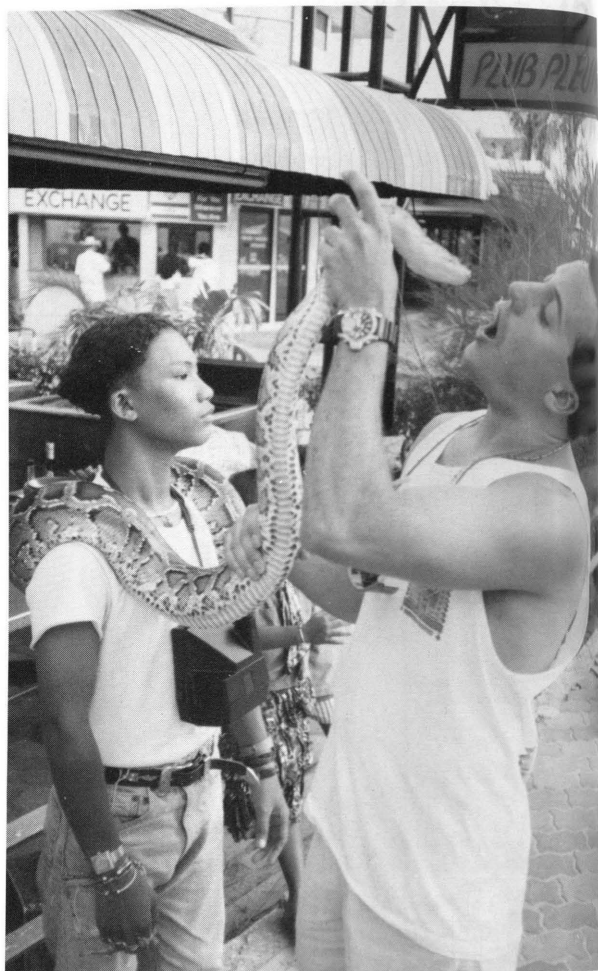
IC3 Paul W. Platte
Not Pictured
ET3(SW) Howdershell

CS-3

PICS



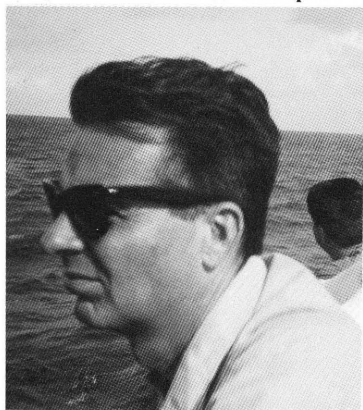
ETC: Liberty Boat Lord



Snake is a Thai delicacy.



ET2 Hoover and Compton form P-way blockade.



ET3(SW) Howdershell



Halt, who goes there?



Happy ERO spotchecking S/P phones: "The work!"

Ship's Self Defense Force

"The Dead-Eye Gunners"



KNOW THY ENEMY!

These men spent many long hours in the blazing sun manning .50 Caliber Machine Guns and the 25mm chain gun to defend the ship against the threat of small boat attacks and to search for possible floating mines.



Fierce.



Continuous cleaning kept the guns combat ready.



Operations Department

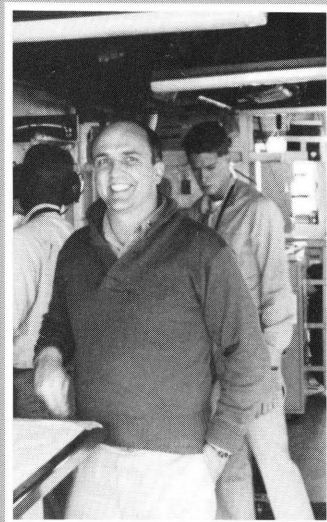
"We Make Things Happen"



LCDR Jeffrey W. Chivers

Operations Officer

The Operations Department is responsible for safe navigation of the ship, external electronic and visual communications, hull maintenance and preservation, deck seamanship and helicopter operations. The department is composed of: Operations Specialists (OS) who conduct surface and air search, control aircraft, and gather and process the information needed to effectively maneuver and fight the ship. Electronic Warfare Specialists (EW) execute electronic support measures and control electronic warfare countermeasures. Quartermasters (QM) who are responsible for the safe navigation of the ship while at sea; Boatswain's Mates (BM) who are responsible for the maintenance and preservation of the ship's hull and superstructure, deck seamanship evolutions including anchoring, mooring replenishment at sea and conducting, helicopter operations; Radiomen (RM) who operate various electronic communications systems to ensure good external radio communications as well as processing all hard copy message traffic; and Signalmen (SM) who are responsible for processing all visual message traffic sent or received via flags, flashing light or semaphore. The Operations Department is the largest single department on the RENTZ.



CS-1 Division



Operations Specialists

Operates radars, identifications equipment, communication equipment, control fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft. Make recommendations to the Commanding Officer, Tactical Action Officer and OOD concerning tactical employment of the ship and it's weapon systems.



Electronic Warfare Technicians

Intercept electronic signals, interpret data from intelligence publications, signals and reports. Inform Commanding Officer and Officer of the Deck of threat signals and recommend appropriate counter-measures.

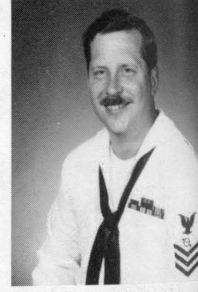
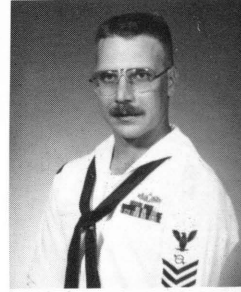
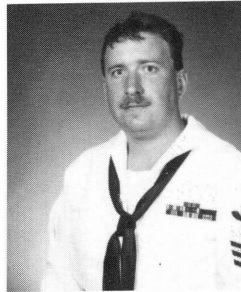
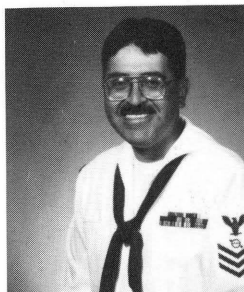


LT William A. Hesser
CIC Officer

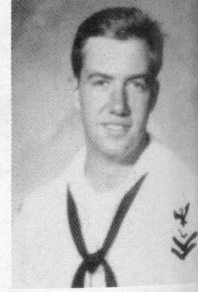
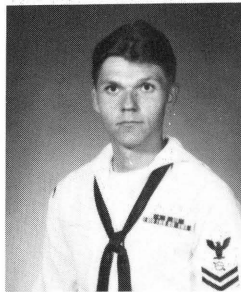
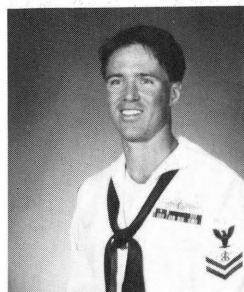


OSC Paul E. Brinegar

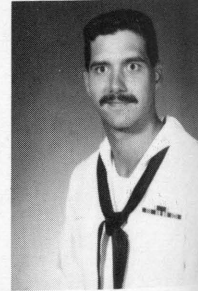
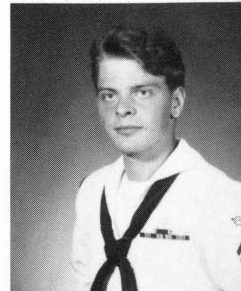
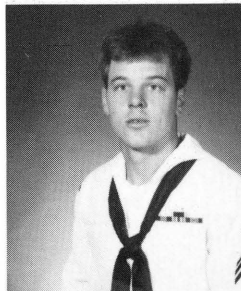
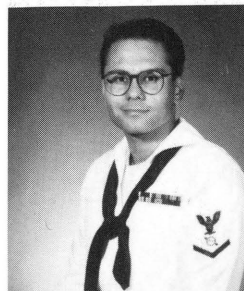
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OS1 Michael H. Bird
OS1(SW) William K. France
OS1 Eric L. Jochen



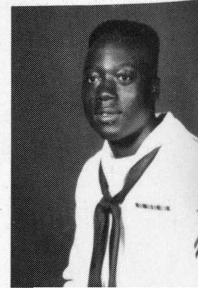
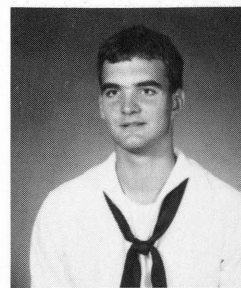
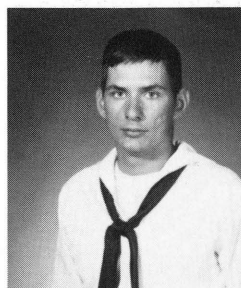
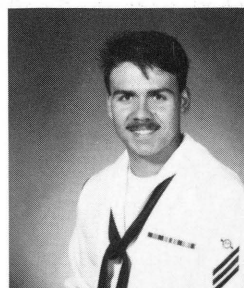
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OS2 Leonard R. Lawles, II
OS2 Chirsopther D. Pendarvis
OS2 James M. Sheppard

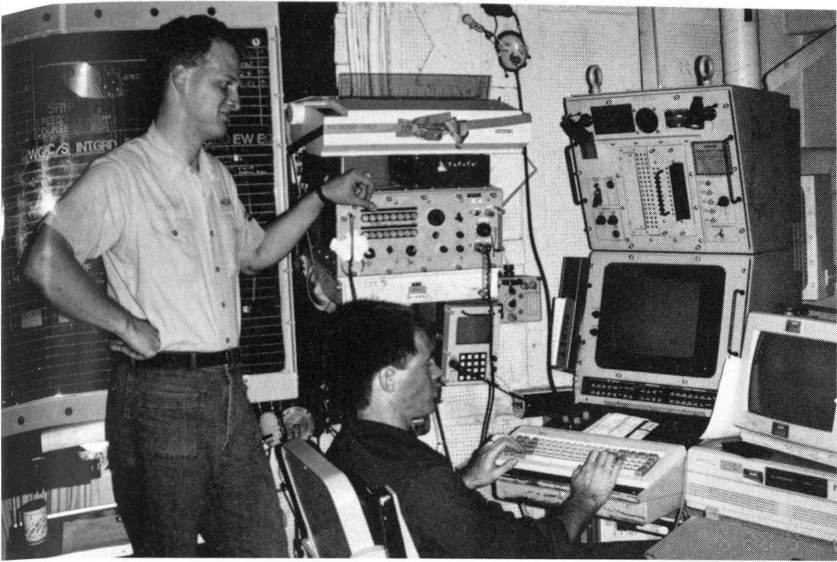


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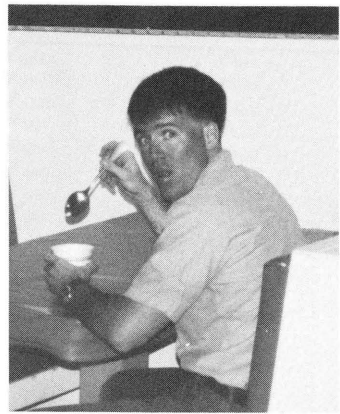


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OSSA David Tate

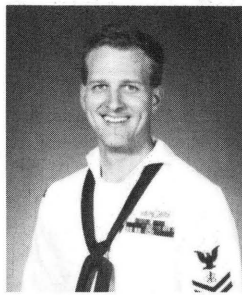
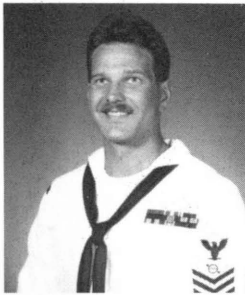
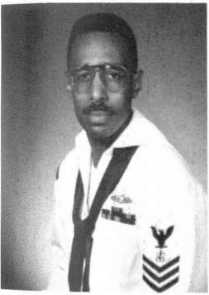




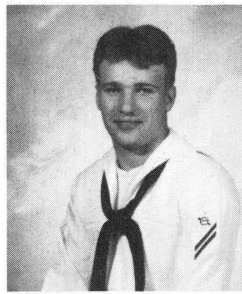
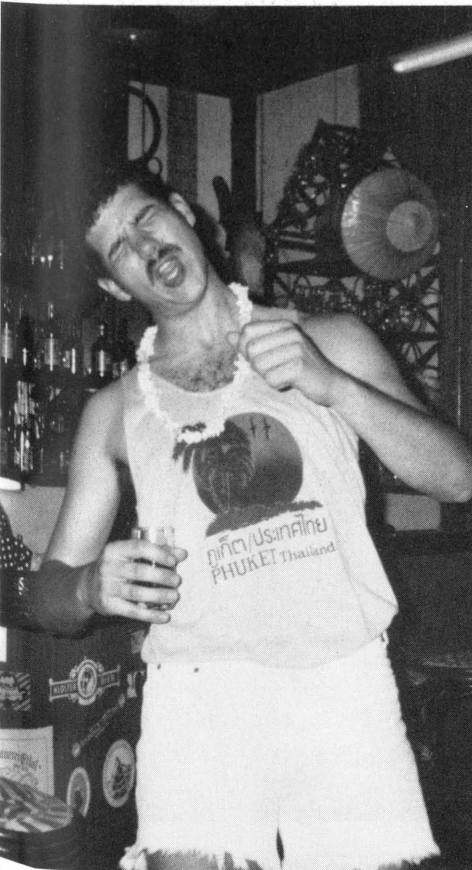
Life in the EW shack/corner.



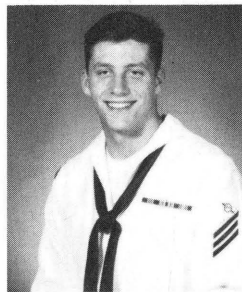
Hey, you with the cup-o-noodles!



EW1(SW) Gregory McCaslin
OS1 John M. Williams
EW2(SW) Dennis E. Bartley
EW2(SW) Charles R. DeWent



OS3 Juan E. Polanco
OS3 Paul L. Ruby



Not Pictured:
OS1(SW) Greg Rowe

OSSN Timothy P. Nardini

OSSN Haan a) has water in his ear or b) is doing a little ..

Abdul Mohammed Williams



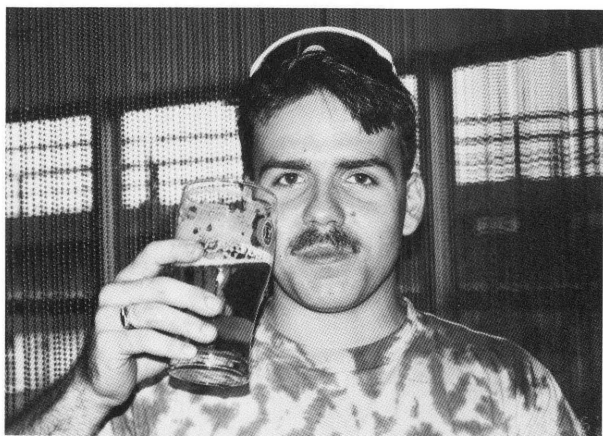
Controlling helos is serious business.



Duh.



Duty surface tracker.



Cheers!



LTJG Hesser says, "peace."

SC-1 Division



Quartermaster

Responsible to the Navigator and Commanding Officer for the safe navigation of the ship in inland waters and open seas. Accomplishes this task by the use of terrestrial, celestial and electronic plotting of the ship's position.

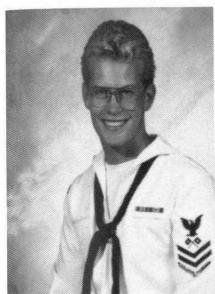


Signalmen

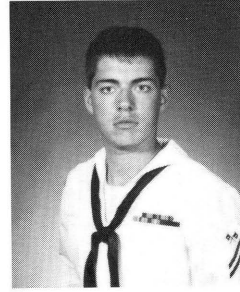
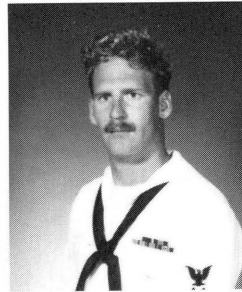
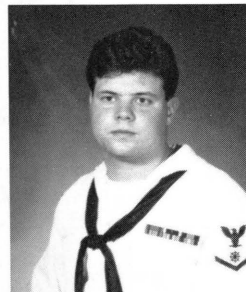
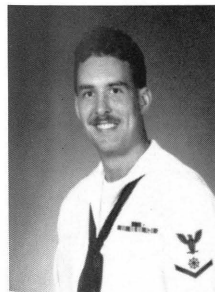
Responsible for all visual communications including flashing light, flag hoists, semaphore, and pyrotechnics. When not involved in communications, function as lookouts.



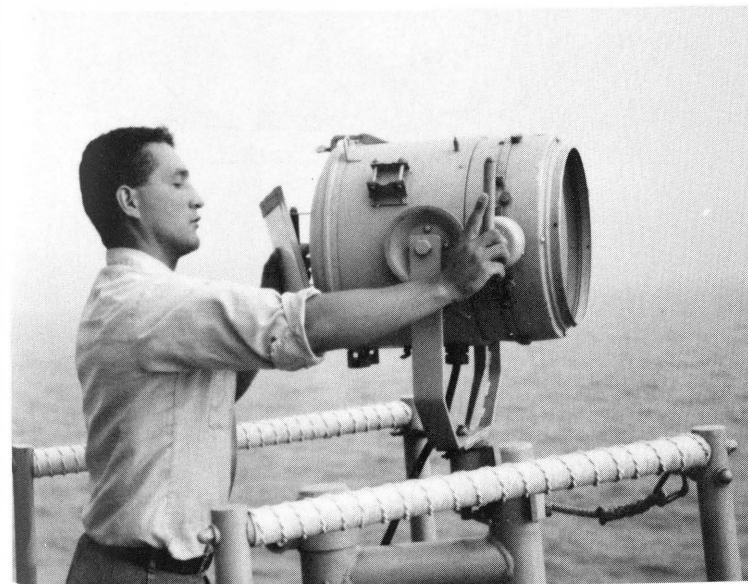
QMC(SW) David G. Zegers



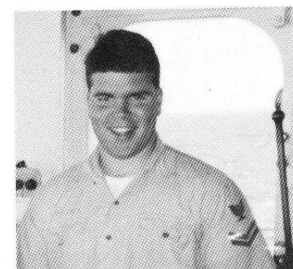
SM1(SW) Thomas J. Schaeffer
SM2 Terry L. Dingess, Jr.
QM2 Bradley D. Nelson
SM3 David Muniz



QM3 Anthony S. Estes
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SM3 Craig D. Sullivan
SMSA John D. Haddock



QMSN Mark A. Score



QM2 Matthew A. August

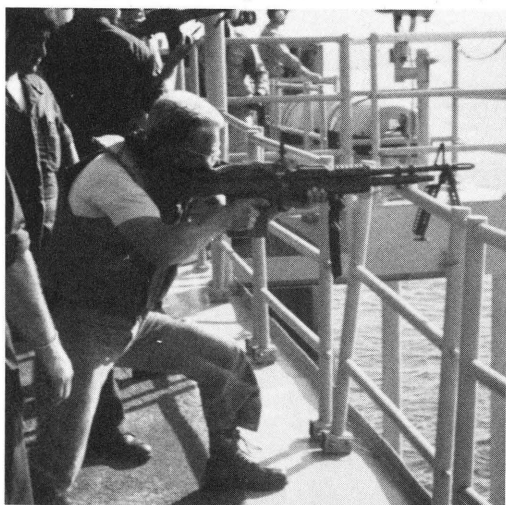
Many messages were exchanged via flashing light.



Signalmen demonstrating latest Battle Dress fashion.



Morning weather report.



Schaeffer wielding the M-60 like a Bad Boy.

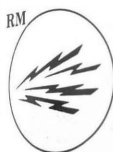


Van Gogh, Matisse and Dingess.



Sulli-man

SC-2 Division

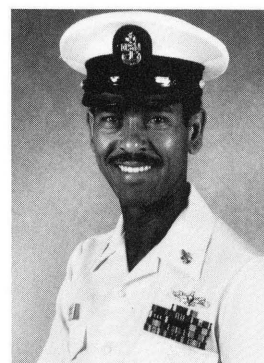


Radioman

Responsible for providing and maintaining long range communications between the ship and fleet commanders and tactical communications within the Task Group.

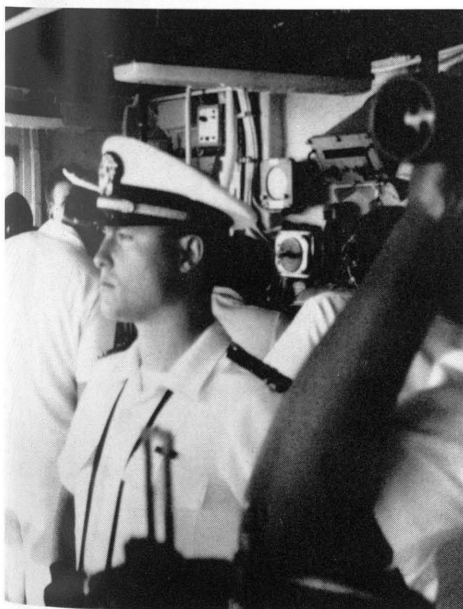
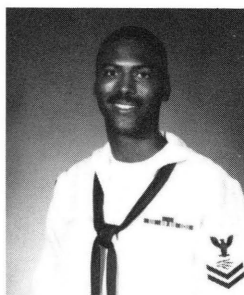
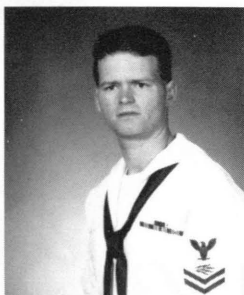
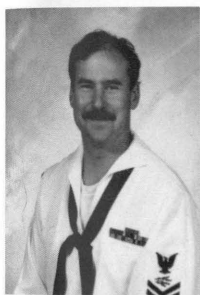


LT Gary E. Hood
Communications Officer

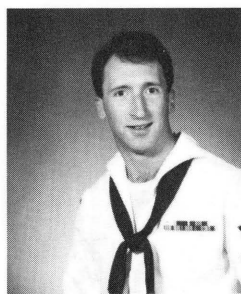
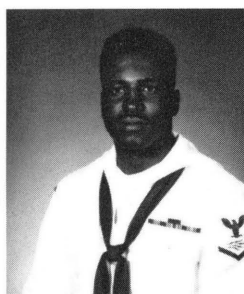


RMCS(SW) Carmelo
Figueroa

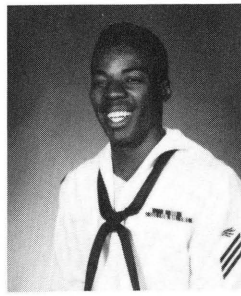
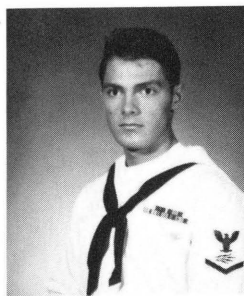
RM1(SW) John A. Reilly
RM2 John W. Webster
RM2 Anthony P. Williams
RM3 Loren D. Hasley, Jr.



Herr Hood



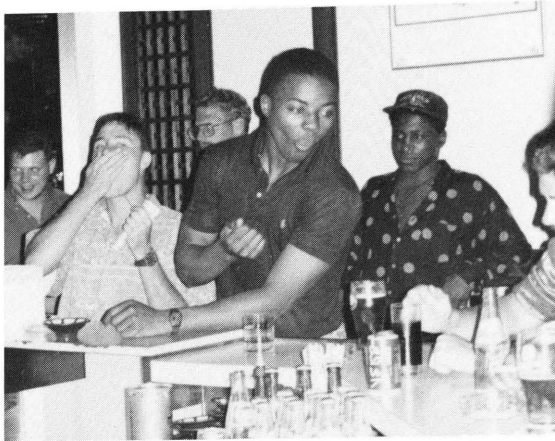
RM3 James W. Stewart
RM3 Steven R. Piper



RM3 Christopher L. Worthy
RMSN Mark E. Bryant
Not Pictured:
RMSN Claussel Ray, III



Sun sponge



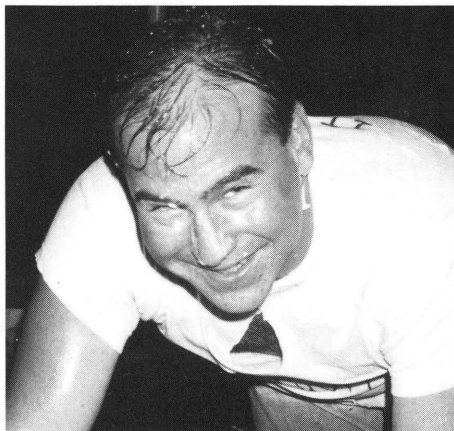
A scattering of RMs and the COMMO.



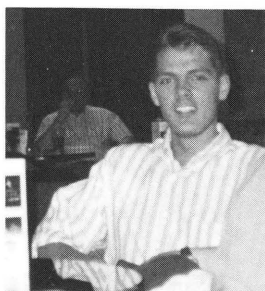
RM1 Reilly receives Letter of Commendation.



Word.



Above:
Reilly-wog.
Right: Nice
smile, Wor-
thy



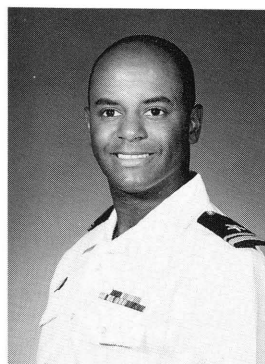
Community Relations work in Thailand.

SC-3 Division

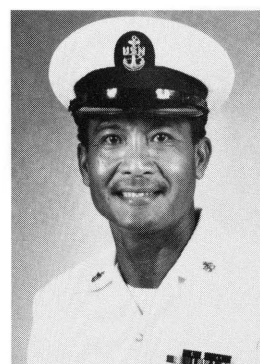


Boatswain's Mate

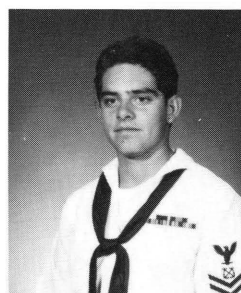
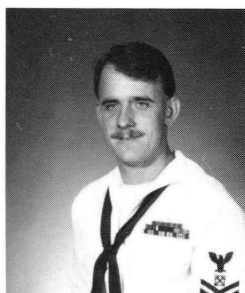
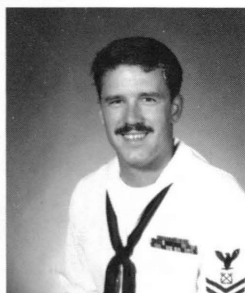
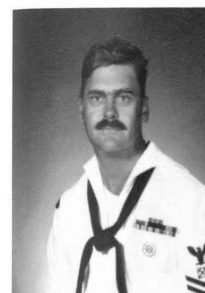
The Boatswain's Mate is the oldest (senior) rating in the Navy. Boatswain's Mates are responsible for all deck seamanship evolutions from towing and replenishment-at-sea evolutions to boat operations and driving the ship as helmsmen. These men are the eyes of the ship underway providing lookout watches for mines, as well as enemy aircraft and ships.



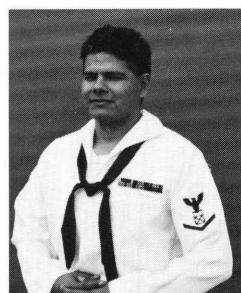
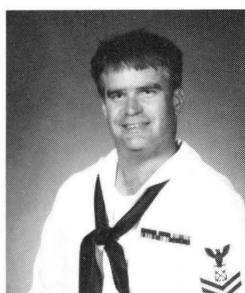
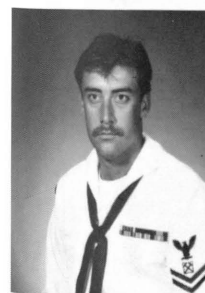
LTJG Herold "Jack" Morris
First Lieutenant



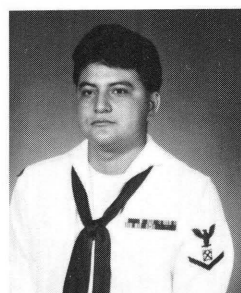
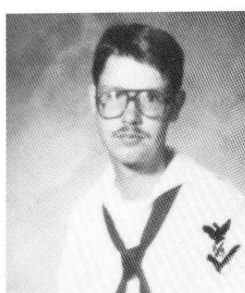
BMC Antonio D. Ulit



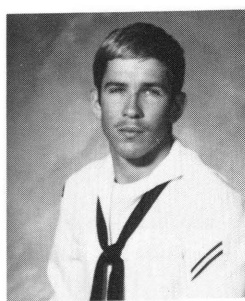
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BM1 Bryan R. McFarlane
BM2 Euten
BM2 James L. Howes



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BM2 Gasbamel P. Soliman
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BM3 Alfonso H. Chavez, Jr.



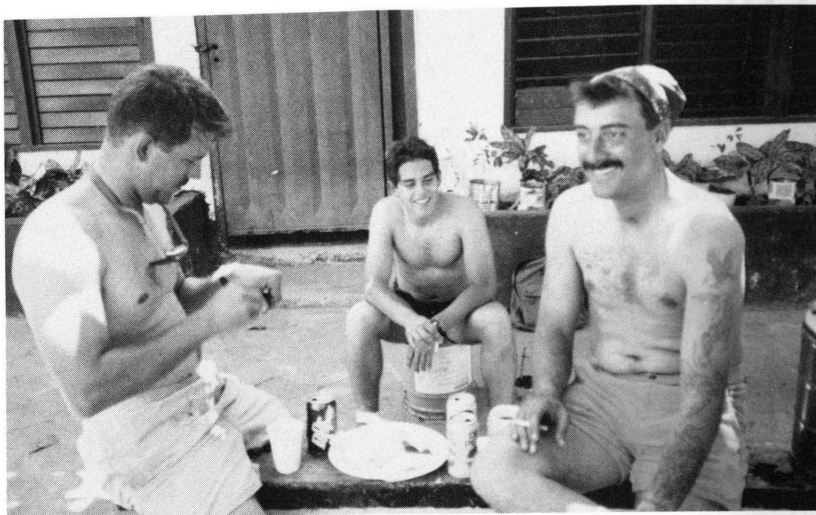
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SN Richard H. Bienapfl, Jr.

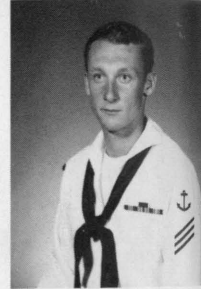
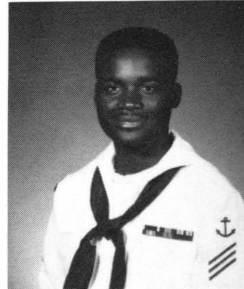
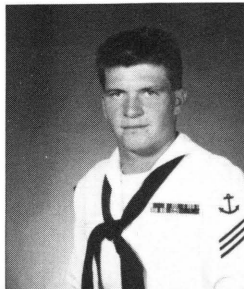
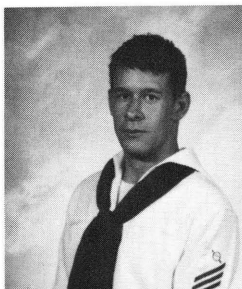


SN Chupp, an old Salt.

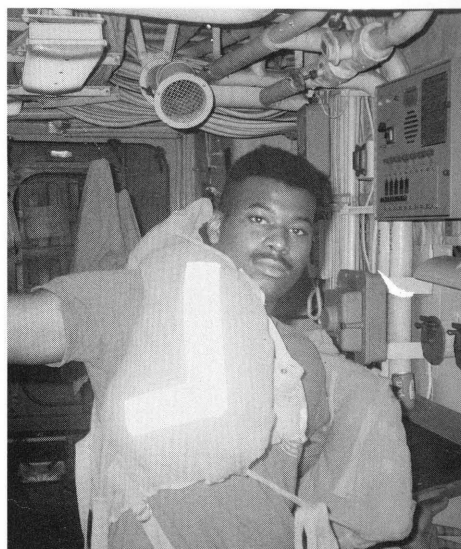
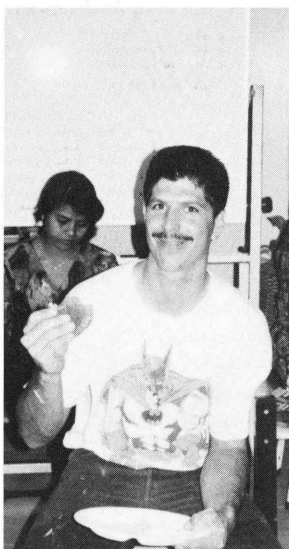
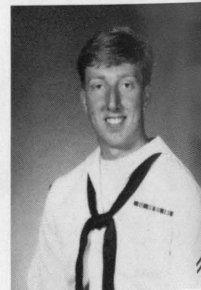
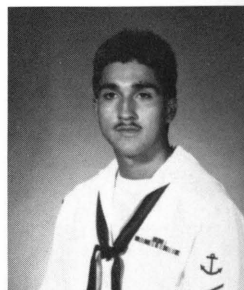
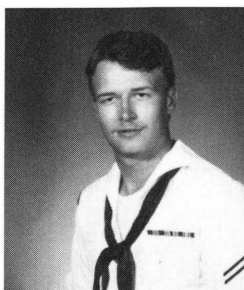
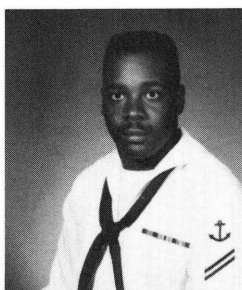


There never sailed more swarthy crew.

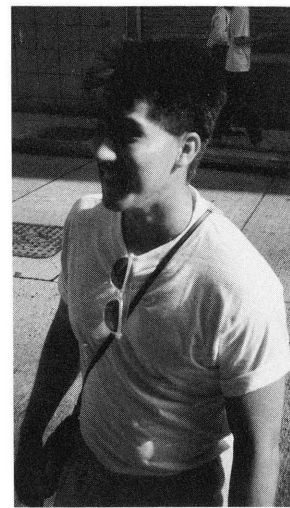
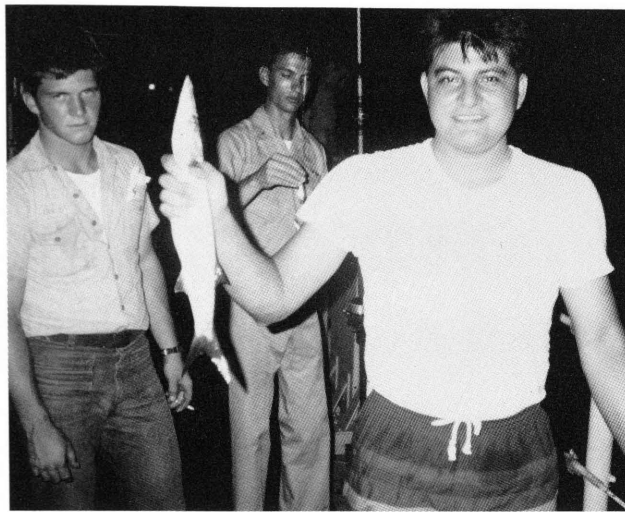
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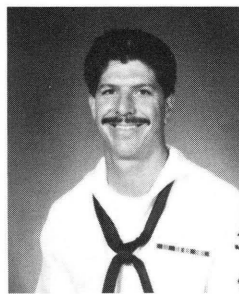
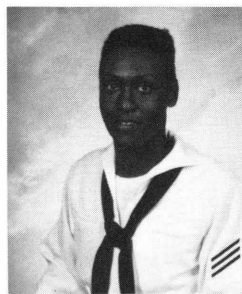
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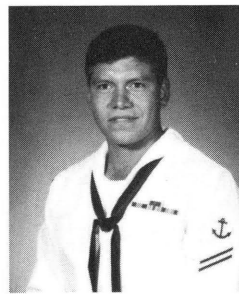
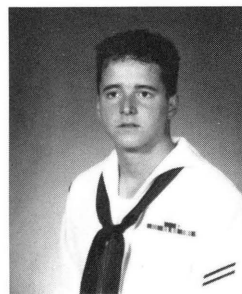
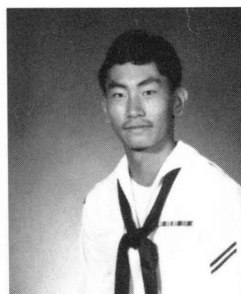
Not Pictured: SA Mark E. Burns, SA Andray, A. Frazier, SN Jamie S. Hallford



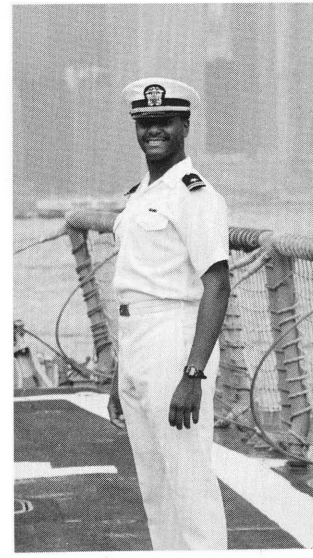
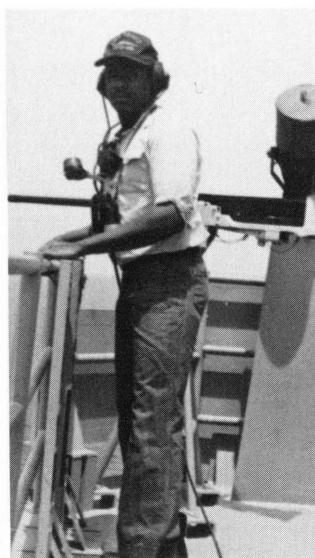
Dippe's prize catch.



SN Leo S. Jackson
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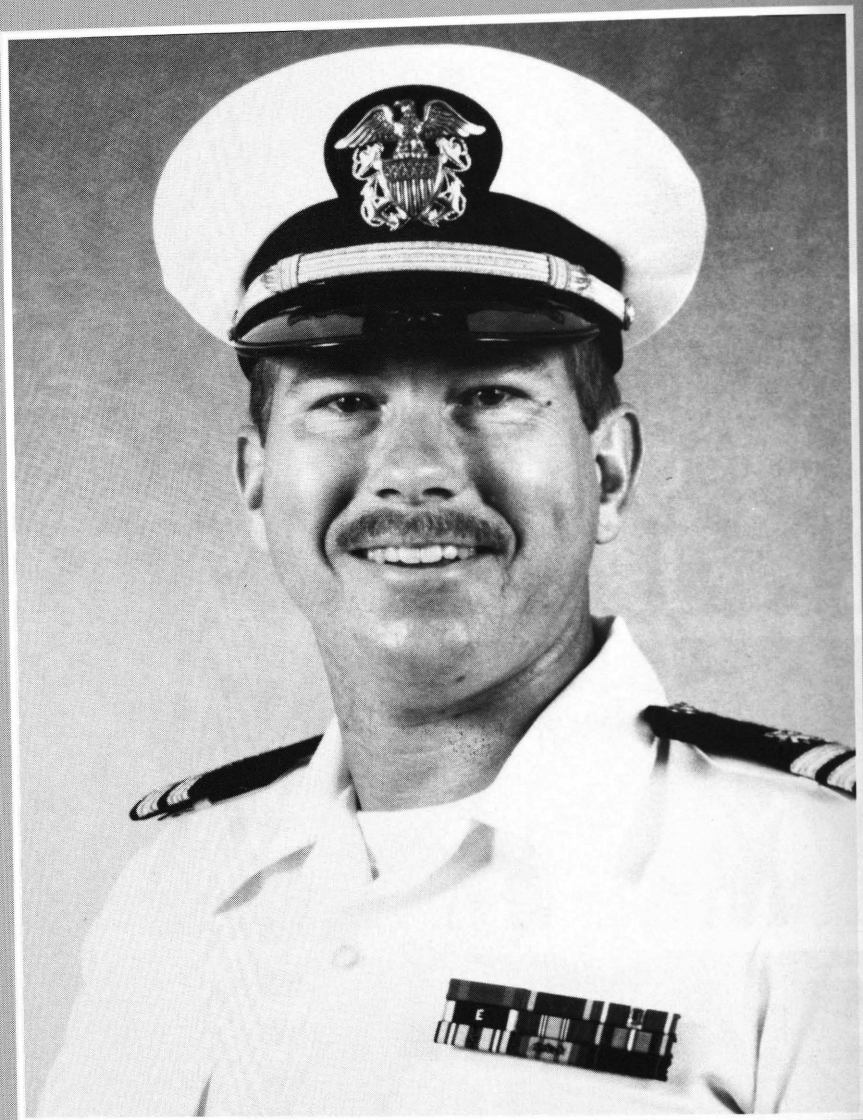


SA Myung K. Kang
SA Reynold Rodriguez
SA Manuel J. Sanchez



Supply Department

"Service Is Our Game"



LT Scott R. Johnson
Supply Officer

The Supply Department is composed of many ratings and provides numerous services to RENTZ. The Mess Management Specialists (MS) and Food Servicemen are responsible for preparing and serving all meals aboard. Ship's Servicemen (SH) operate the ship's store, laundry, vending machines, and barber shop. Storekeepers (SK) procure, receive, stow, and issue all required repair parts for the ship. The Disbursing Clerk (DK) maintains the crew pay records. Yeomen (YN) and Personnelmen (PN) handle individual service record maintenance and various types of command correspondence and files. The Hospital Corpsman (HM) is the ship's medical representative and provides routine as well as emergency care. The chief Master at Arms (MA) is responsible for shipwide order and discipline. The 3-M Coordinator coordinates shipboard maintenance.



S-1 Division



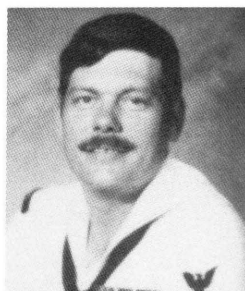
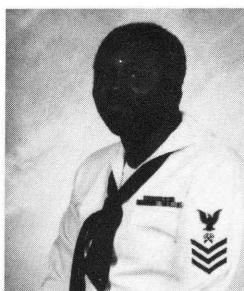
Storekeeper

Orders, receives, issues and stows ship's operating and maintenance supplies. Maintains ship's budgets.

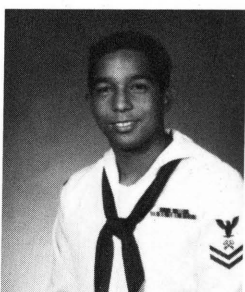
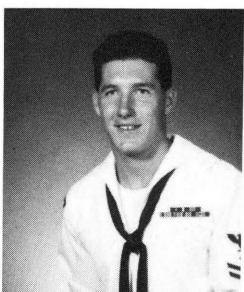


SKC (SW) Charles A. Frahn

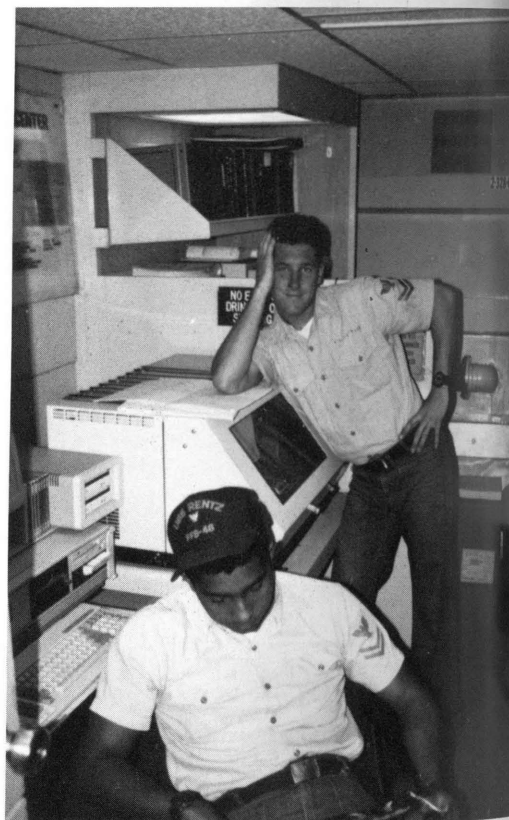
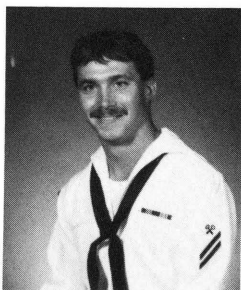
SK1 Gary Moore
SK1 Thomas Lockhart



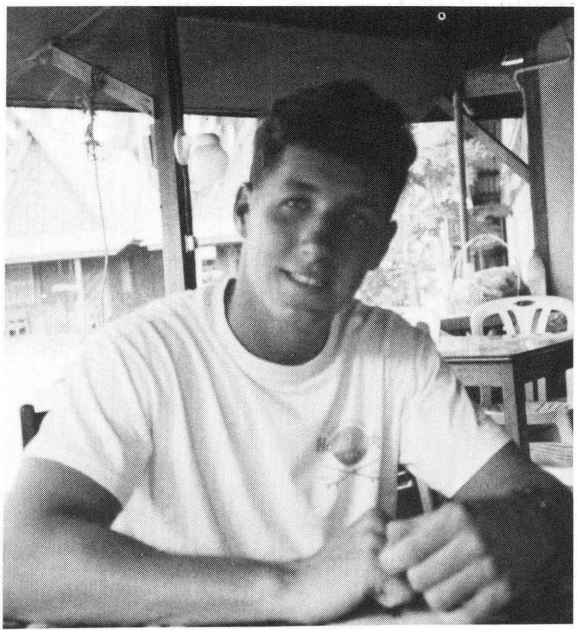
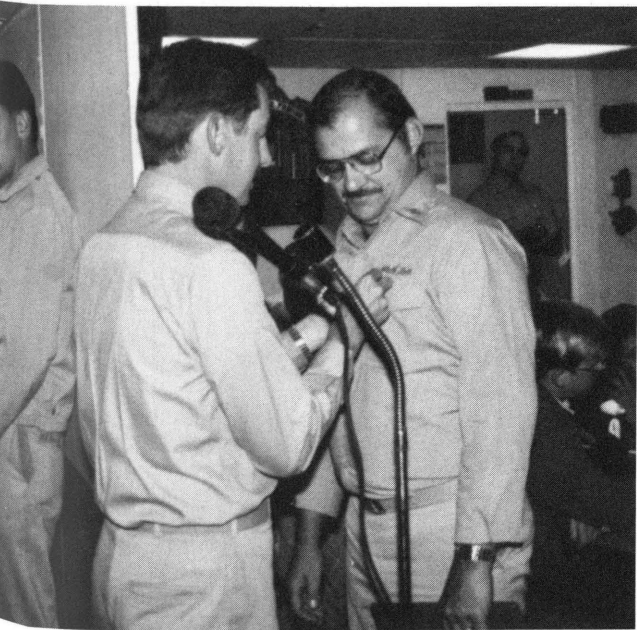
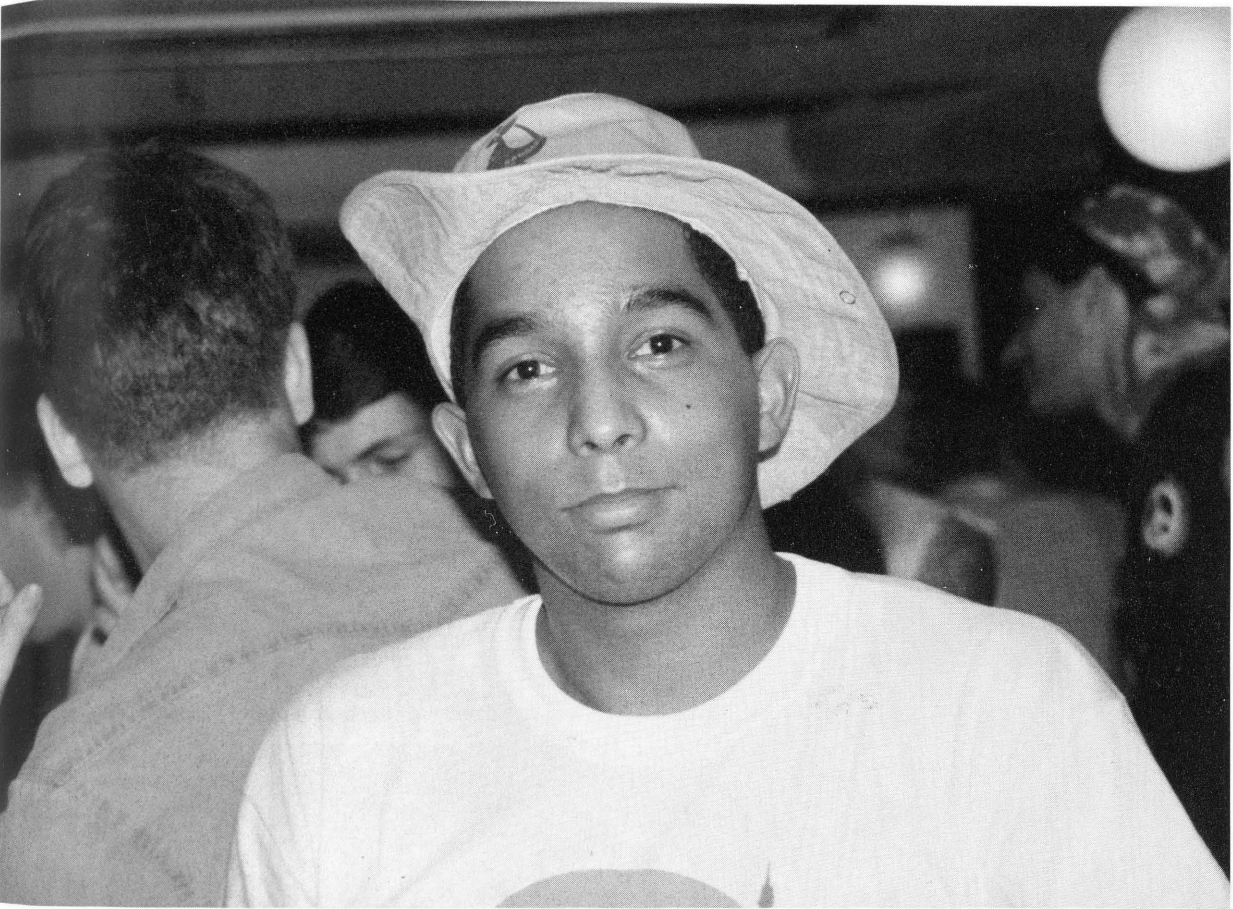
SK2 Charles Brian Clifton
SK2 Marcus A. Watson



SKSA Keith P. Gilligan



Chief Frahn's smiling face was an inspiration to us all.



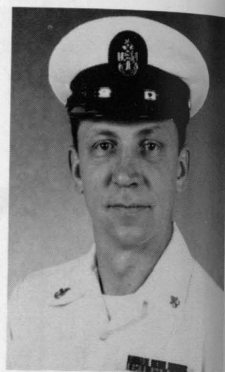
SKC Frahn receives another Navy Achievement Medal.

S-2 Division



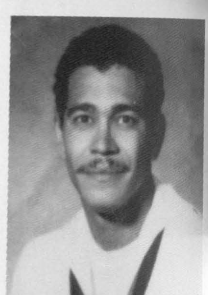
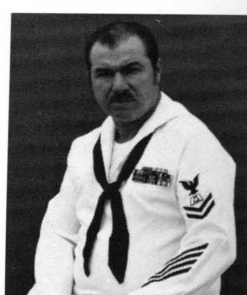
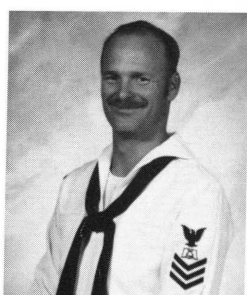
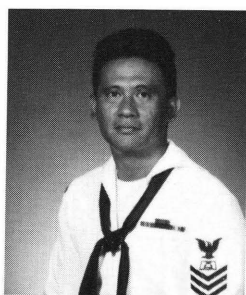
Mess Management Specialist

Mess Management Specialists are responsible for preparation of wholesome and nutritious meals for both the Officer and Enlisted Messes. They are responsible for proper administration of procurement and storage evolutions associated with ship's provisioning. In addition, they are charged with maintenance of proper levels of food service sanitation and positive customer service which play a key role in sustaining high crew morale.

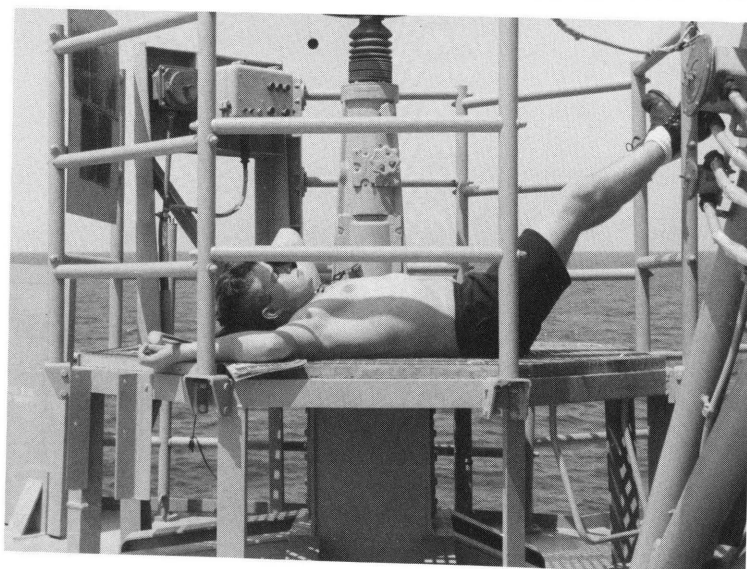
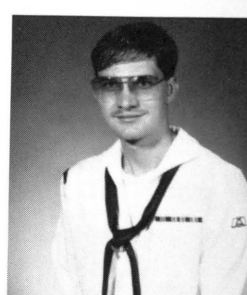
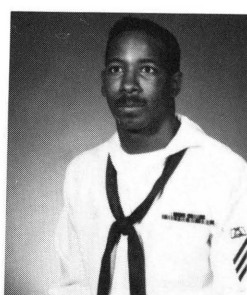
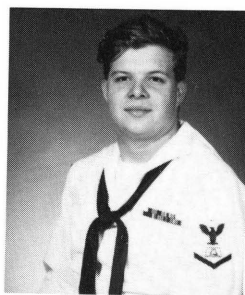


MSCS Thomas J. O'Connor

MS1 Anthony A. Sarcos
MS1 Charles Pelham
MS2 James C. Brown
MS2 Ricardo Cintron

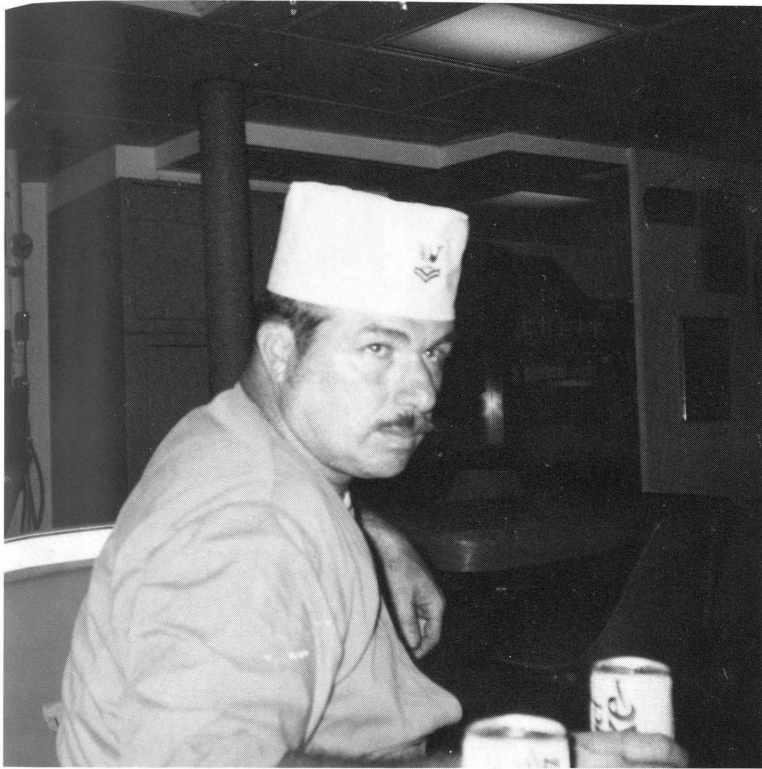


MS3 Bradley E. Nance
MSSN Stephen L. Jones
MSSA Bobby R. Taff



MS3 Nance has a sunshiny day.





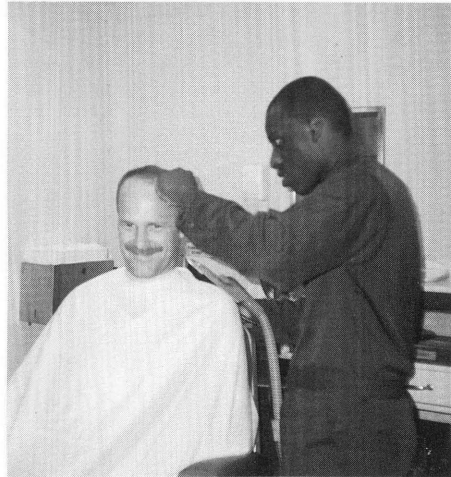
"Pops"



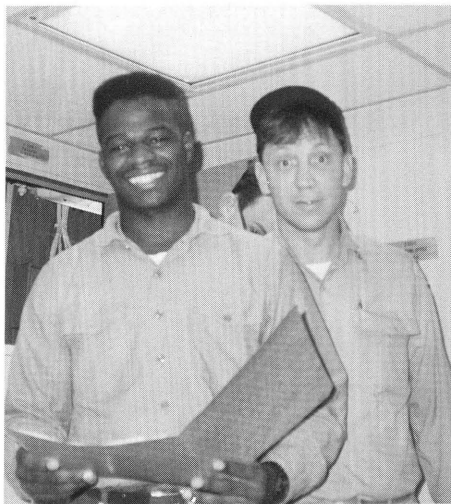
MS3 Nance is awarded for outstanding service to the crew.



MS1 Sarcos provides instruction to the mess cooks.



Just a trim, please.



My eval?

Left, Serving hot meals to 200 crew members is steamy work.

S-3 Division



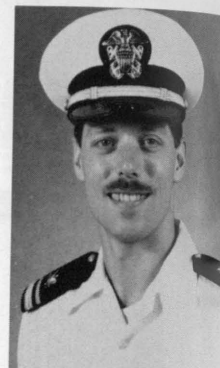
Ship's Servicemen

Ship's Servicemen operate the ship's store, barber shop, laundry and soda fountain. Profits generated in the ship's store go toward the ship's recreation fund and the procurement of laundry and barber supplies.



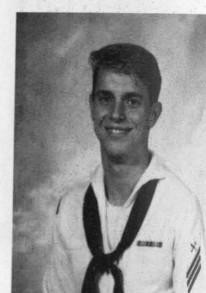
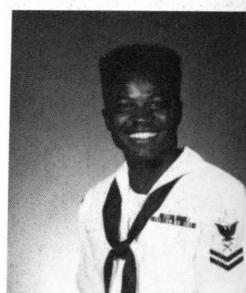
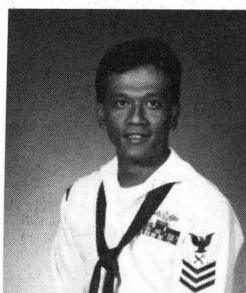
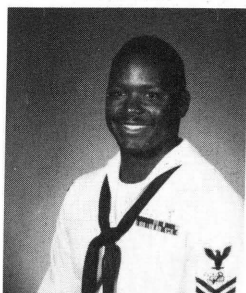
Disbursing Clerk

DK's maintain the financial records of the crew. They prepare payrolls, compute travel allowances, and process claims for reimbursement of travel expenses. Also process vouchers for payment of ship's bills and ensure accuracy of accounting data.

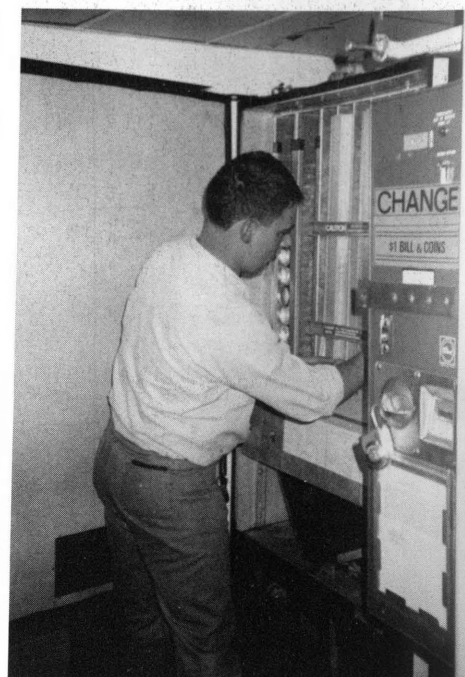
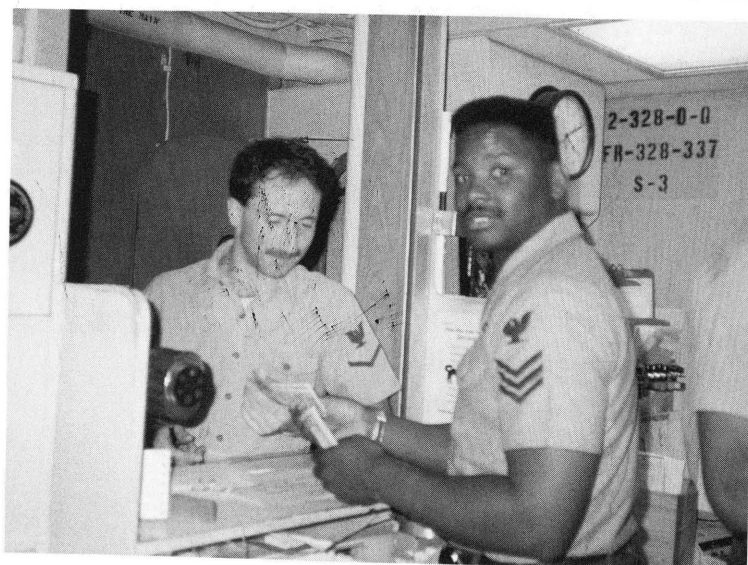
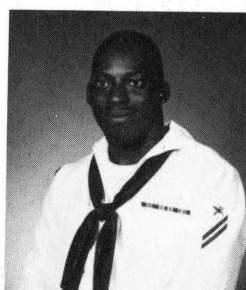
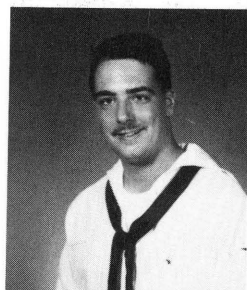


LTJG John C. Crook
Disbursing Officer

DK1 Kenneth H. Ford
SH1(SW) Manuel G. Sanchez
SH2 Joe E. Lewis
SH3 Guy W. Gordon



SHSN James J. Guardiano
SHSA Kendrick L. Thomas



The continuous job of filling the Coke machine.

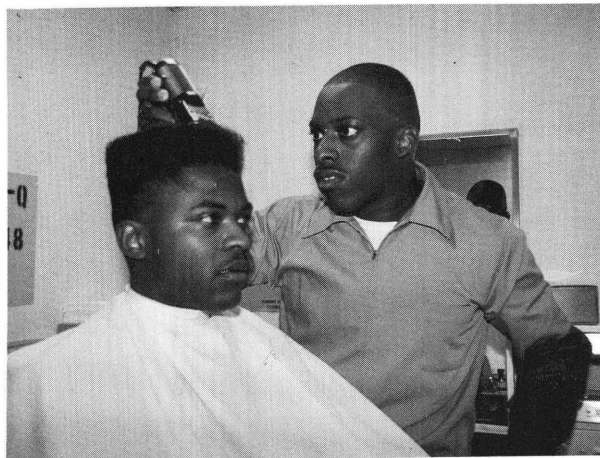
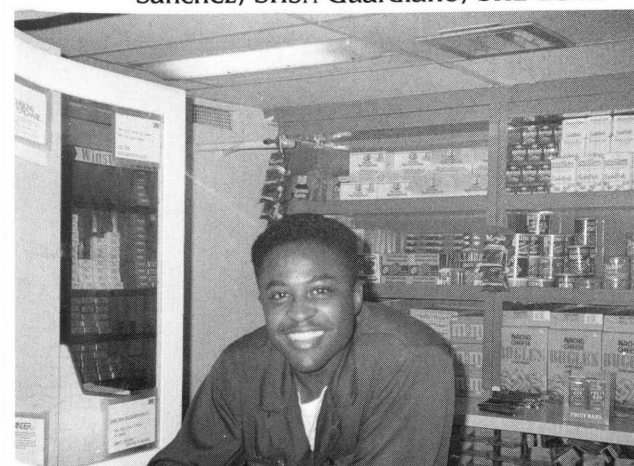


Sure is bright out here.

Disbo gleefully counting money.



The whole gang! Clockwise from top left DK1 Ford, SHSN Thomas, SH1 Sanchez, SHSN Guardiano, SH2 Lewis



Shipstore customers were greeted by this smiling face.

One flat-top coming up.

S-4 Division

PN



Personnelman

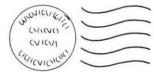
Responsible for enlisted personnel placement and determining eligibility for various programs; charged with the custody and maintenance of enlisted service records; determines eligibility for various pays and allowances.

YN



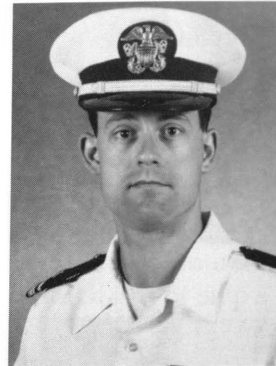
Yeomen

Responsibilities include Ship's files, ticklers, incoming and outgoing correspondence, recorders, maintaining up-to-date directives, maintenance of officers service records, the officer's diary and orders.

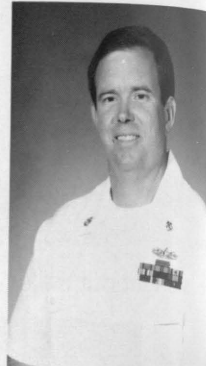


Postal Clerk

Operate ship's post office; perform postal counter work; process mail and maintain postal equipment; prepare and file correspondence; establish and disestablish Navy post offices.

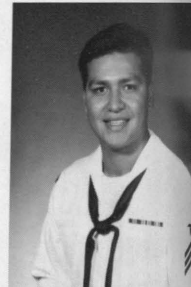
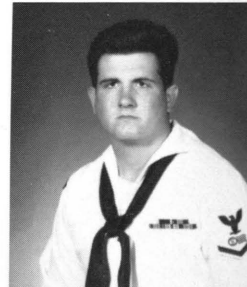
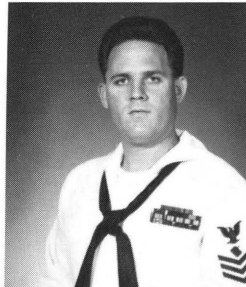
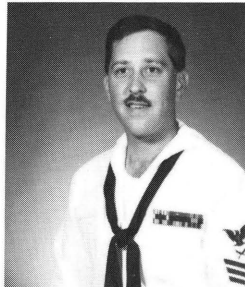


LTJG James A. Smith
Admin Officer

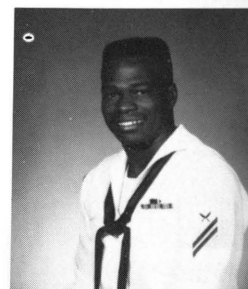
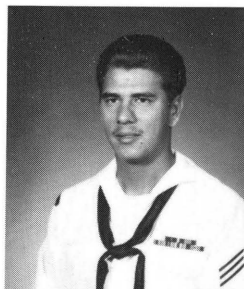


HMC (SW) Vincent J.
Loveless

YN1 Edward A. Summers
PN1 Bruce A. Markley
PC3 Anthony W. Flak
HMSN Larry F. Salazar



PNSN Shannn E. West
SN Larry S. Fuhrman
YNSA Eddie L. Massey



Service with a smile.

HM



Hospital Corpsman

Responsible for providing health care to crew and sanitation inspections of food service spaces and crew living spaces.

MA

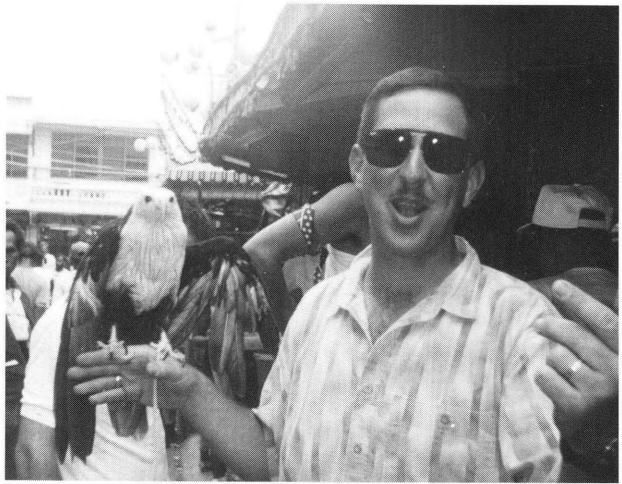


Master-at-Arms

Responsible for good order and discipline of the crew and for conducting onboard investigations of reported offenses.



Would you let this man give you stitches?



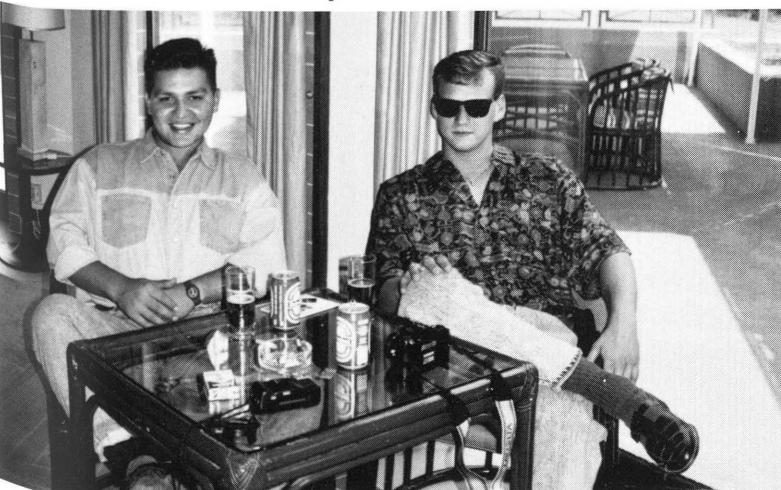
I think he just did a number on the back of my hand.



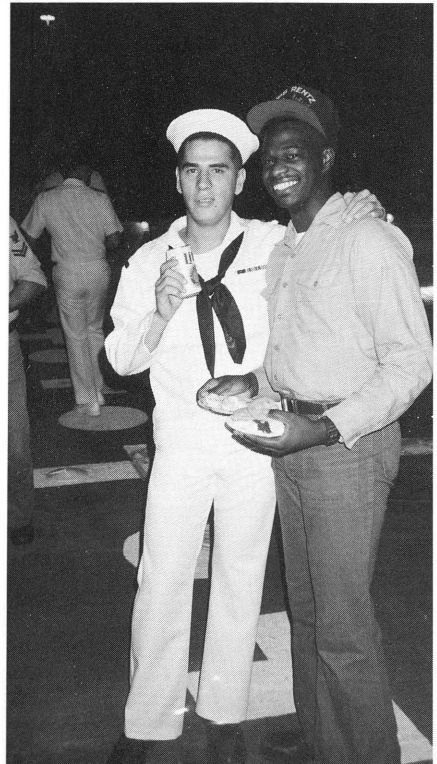
Relaxation tapes?



"Battle Dressing, HMC speaking, may I help you?"



The Blues Brothers.



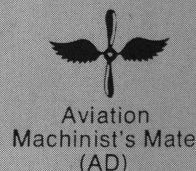
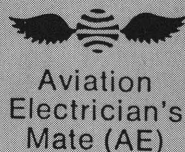
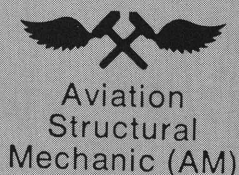
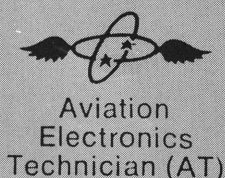
Enjoying the aftermath of the Doha reception.

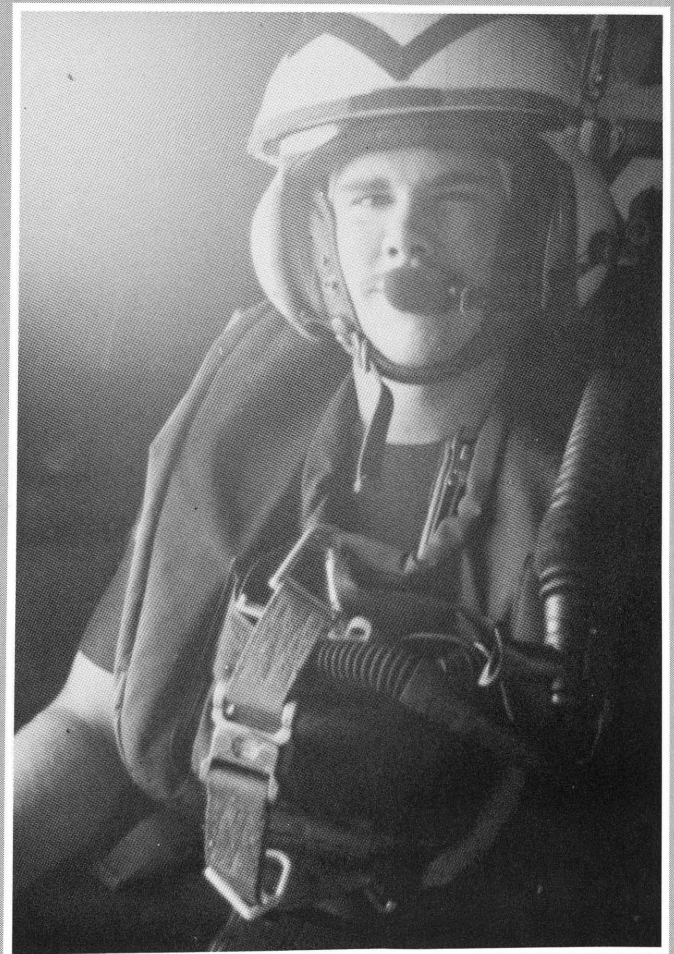
Aviation Department

Helicopter Anti-Submarines Squadron, Light Forty-Seven, (HSL-47) provided the assigned Air Detachment (DET 6) for RENTZ' Arabian Gulf deployment. DET 6 brought two SH60B helicopters with them, Saberhawk 61 and 69. Though the primary mission of these aircraft is to conduct anti-submarine warfare, they played an extremely important role in the Arabian Gulf by providing mine detection, electronic surveillance measures, and over-the-horizon targeting. The men of DET 6 who fly and maintain the Saberhawks became a part of the RENTZ Team that we shall not soon forget.



HSL 47, DET 6: Back row, from left: AE2 Yetman, AT3 Alan Dallas, AMH1 Dale Wetzel, AECS(AW) Doug Norblom, AD1 Donald Minor, AE3 Dziubczynski, AMHAN Loren Benson, AMH3 Tracy Smith, AT3 Nordlander, AZ2 Richard Perry, SN Farrell (Stinger DET), AT2 Calvin Fuller, ADAN Doug Simmons; Bottom Row, from left: AW2 Chris Reedy, LTJG Fred Neuhart, LT Jimmy Davis, AIRBOSS: LCDR John Barfoot, LT David Lemek, LTJG Greg Archibald, LT Andrew Ricciuti, AW3 William Johnson, AW3 Terry Kruse





AIRDET Candida



"Shoey"



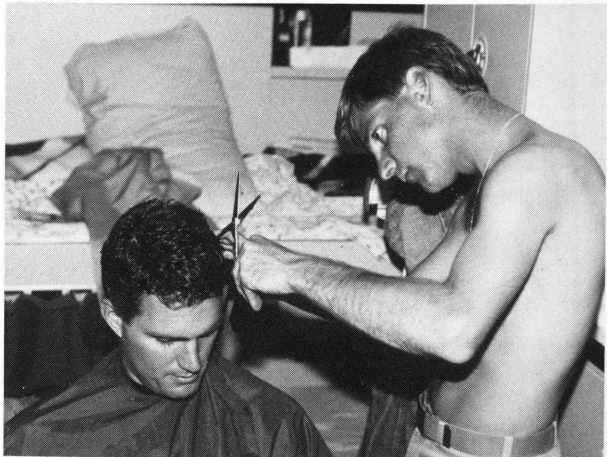
LT Lemek's late night munchies.



Flight deck frolic.



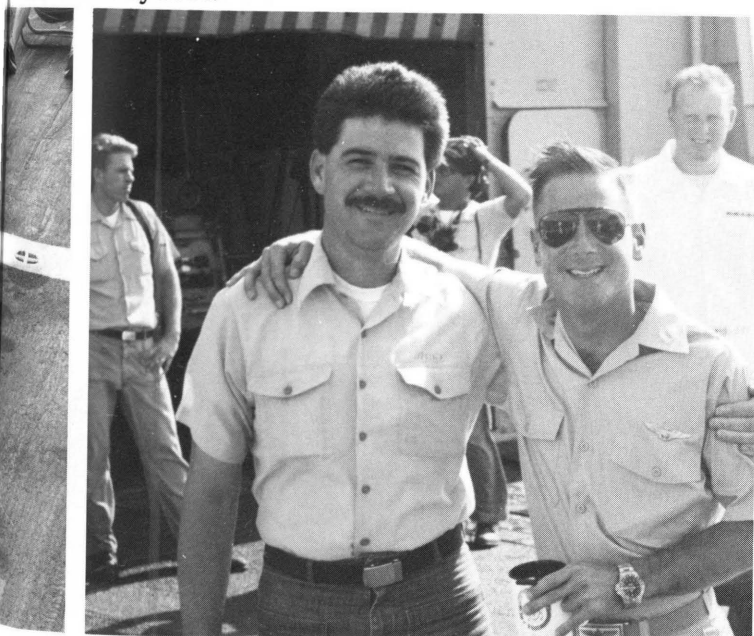
69 on deck.



The infamous AirDet Barber.



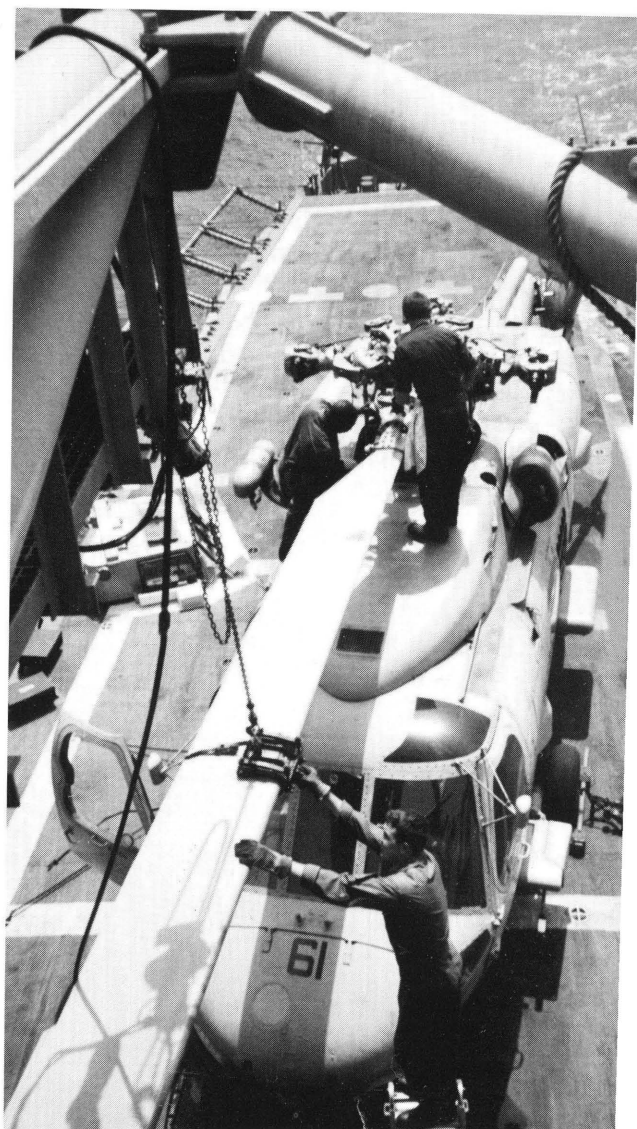
AIRDET Party in PI.



As air controller, OS1 Rowe worked very closely with the pilots.



Saberhawk makes her approach.



Endless maintenance on the part of the aircrew kept the Saberhawks flyin' high.

BATTLE GROUP BRAVO HEEDS THE CALL!



UNDERWAY WITH BG BRAVO!
In the Wake of Desert Storm
01 March 1991

A Desert Storm Synopsis

Aug. 2: Iraq invades Kuwait.

Aug. 8: President Bush orders U.S. Armed Forces to Saudi Arabia.

Aug. 16: Multinational maritime intercept operation begins challenging ships going to or from Iraq and Kuwait.

Nov. 29: U.N. Security council approves resolution authorizing use of military force unless Iraq vacates Kuwait by Jan. 15, 1991.

Jan. 12: Congress approves joint resolutions authorizing the use of force against Iraq.

Jan. 16: U.S. troop strength update: 425,000 in region; 60,000 Navy, 75,000 Marines.

-U.S. Navy ship strength update: 108 total; 34 in Persian Gulf, 35 in North Arabian Sea/Gulf of Oman, 26 in Red Sea, 13 in Eastern Mediterranean.

-To date, 19 countries have deployed ground forces and 14 nations are participating in naval efforts.

-Seventeen anti-ship mines discovered in Persian Gulf since Dec. 21, 1990.

-At 7 p.m. (EST), the White House announces that the "liberation of Kuwait has begun." The offensive action against Iraq, *Operation Desert Storm*, begins.

Jan.; 17: **USS SAN JACINTO (CG 56)** fires the first *Tomahawk* cruise missile.

-The Navy launches 228 combat sorties on the first day of *Desert Storm* from six aircraft carriers in the Red Sea and Persian Gulf.

Jan. 18: The first Iraqi Scud missile lands in Israel, injuring 10 to 12 civilians.

Jan. 19: **USS LOUISVILLE (SSN 724)** fires the first submarine-launched *Tomahawk* in combat history.

-President Bush signs authorization to extend call-up of up to 1 million National Guard-Reserves for up to two years.

Jan. 25: A record 2,700 sorties flown today brings total coalition sorties to 17,500 to date, with 236 *Tomahawk* cruise missile launches.

-Iraq dumps 120 million barrels of oil into the Persian Gulf from the Sea Island crude oil tanker loading terminal off the coast of Kuwait.

-Described by DoD as "an act of environmental terrorism", the spill grows to 31 miles long and eight miles wide. The United States sends a team of oil pollution and environmental experts to assist Saudi Arabian efforts to contain the spill.

Jan. 26: At least 80 Iraqi aircraft have landed in an undisclosed location in Iran, a declared neutral country. Aircraft ferrying is characterized as "possible defections" as a consequence of the air campaign that achieved air superiority and neutralized Iraqi counterattacks.

Feb. 11: United States has lost 28 aircraft. Forty Iraqi aircraft and four helos have been shot down in air-to-air losses. One hundred thirty-six Iraqi aircraft have flown to Iran thus far. Navy and Marine aircraft have flown more than 15,000 combat sorties since the operation began.

Feb. 18: Within three hours of each other, **USS TRIPOLI (LPH 10)** and **USS PRINCETON (CG 59)** strike mines while conducting operations in the northern Persian Gulf.

Feb. 22: An estimated 100 Kuwaiti oil wells have been destroyed, along with oil tanks, export terminals and other installations. President Bush announces Iraq has "launched a scorched-earth policy destroying the entire oil production system of Kuwait."

Feb. 24: Forces of the United States, United Kingdom, France, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, Egypt, Syria and Kuwait proceed in a major ground, naval and air offensive against Iraq.

-Ten hours into the ground offensive, U.S. casualties are "remarkably light." The offensive progresses with "dramatic success" with no reported use of chemical weapons by Iraq.

-Iraq troops are reported to be retreating, not engaging U.S. or coalition forces and surrendering. Some contact is made with Republican Guard troops.

Feb. 26: A Marine reconnaissance unit becomes the first U.S.



Westward Bound!

force to enter Kuwait City.

Feb. 27: Supported by attack aircraft, U.S. and coalition forces engage in a climactic "classic tank battle", with Iraq losing 200 tanks, 50 armored vehicles and 20 artillery pieces.

-President Bush addresses the nation, declaring "Kuwait is liberated. Iraq's army is defeated." The President announces that "exactly 100 hours since ground operations commenced and six weeks since the start of *Operation Desert Storm*, all U.S. and coalition forces will suspend further offensive combat operations."

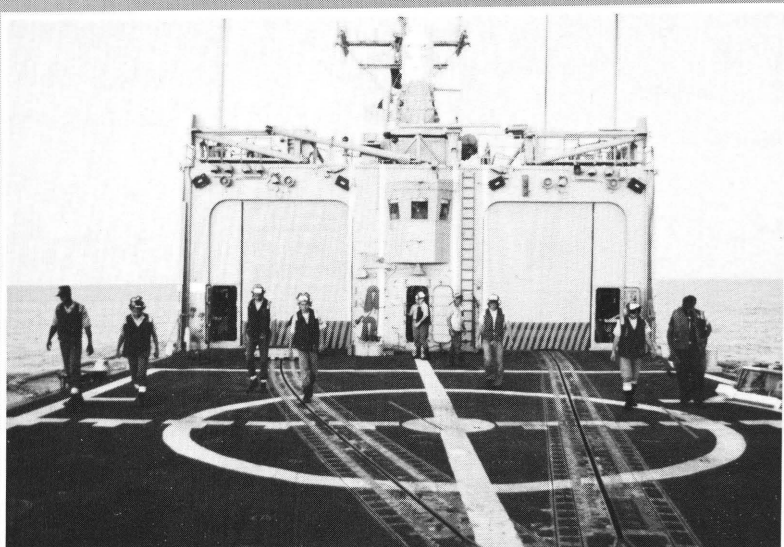
-Iraq delivers a letter to the U.N. announcing its intention to comply with the cease-fire terms.

March 01: **RENTZ** gets underway with Battle Group BRAVO enroute to the Arabian Gulf in support of *Operation Desert Storm*. Battle Group BRAVO is commanded by RADM Quast, COMDESGRU THREE, and consists of the aircraft carrier **USS NIMITZ (CVN 68)**, **USS CHANCELLORSVILLE (CG 62)**, **USS TEXAS (CGN 39)**, **USS STEIN (FF 1065)**, **USS BAGLEY (FF 1074)**, **USS CAMDEN (AOE 2)**, and **USS RENTZ (FFG 46)**.

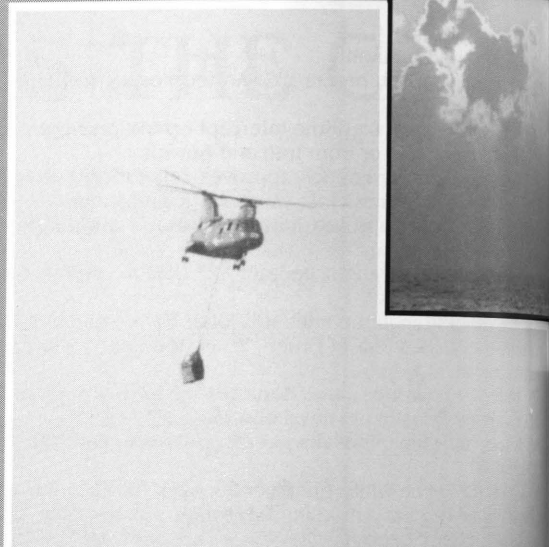
March 11: Updated U.S. casualty data: 121 KIAs, 81 noncombat fatalities, 23 MIAs (5 Navy, one Marine) and no POWs.

April 11: the U.N. Security Council announces that a formal cease-fire has been established, ending the Persian Gulf War.

"Flight Quarters, Flight Quarters"



FOD walkdown ensures the absence of dangerous debris.



Vertical Replenishment kept RENTZ' stores stocked.



Mail Call!



This dedicated crew safely conducted 100s of launches and landings throughout the cruise.



Above: A forward VERTREP. Right: Helo Inflight Refueling.



"Flight Quarters Flight Quarters, all hands man your Flight Quarters stations! The smoking lamp is out on all weather decks. All hands topside remove covers. Throw no articles over the side. Now Flight Quarters."

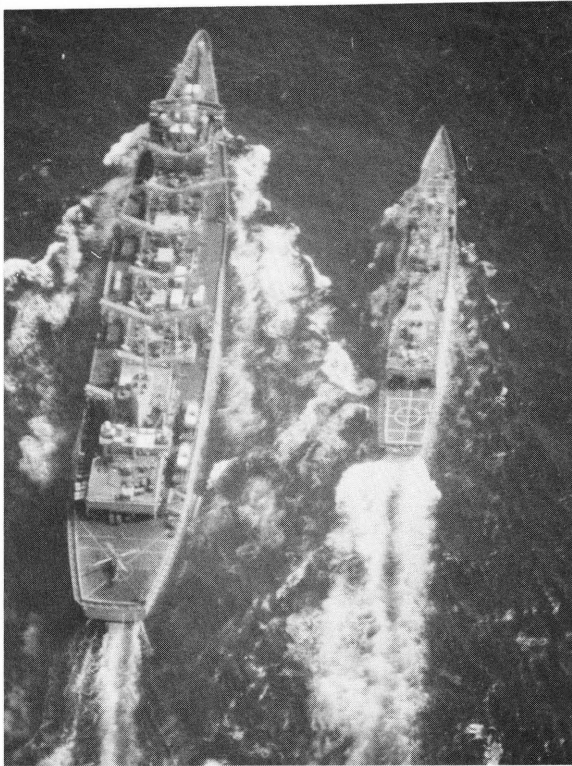


"Clear to port, All conditions Normal."

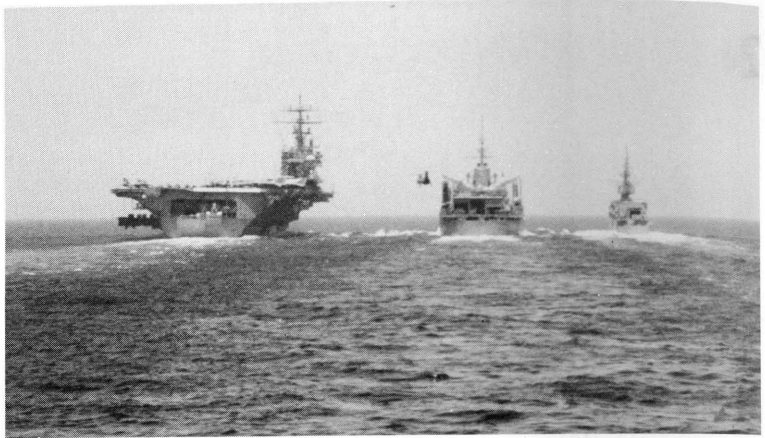
"Overdeck."

"Green Deck."

At Sea Evolutions ...



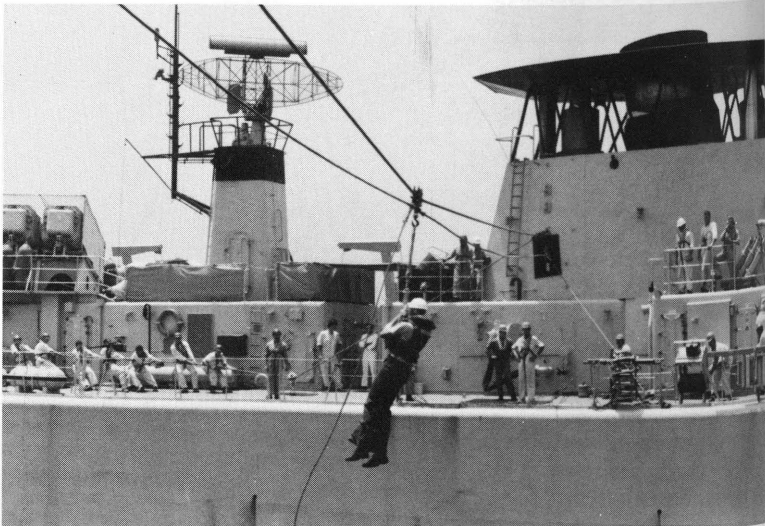
Underway Replenishment (UNREP)



UNREP provides primary means of refueling.



Hardworking line-handlers made all evolutions possible.



One of the most dangerous evolutions is the personnel high-line transfer. RENTZ completed numerous such evolutions.

Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines

24-28 March 1991

Subic Bay Naval Station, on the island of Luzon, claimed to be the Navy's "home away from home." It's a perfect staging point for ships heading from the West Coast for the Indian Ocean, since the base offers well established repair and supply facilities. If you're stationed on a West Coast ship, chances are you'll set foot in the Philippines, and almost every sailor looks forward to it. Liberty in Olongapo and Subic City's tropical climate provides rest and relaxation for the whole crew. For the ship and the crew, it can either be bought, built, or fixed here.



Taps over Subic Bay Naval Station.



Monkey Meat for a late night snack.



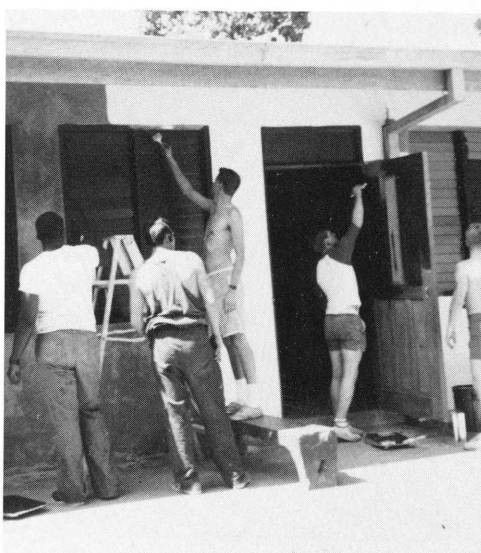
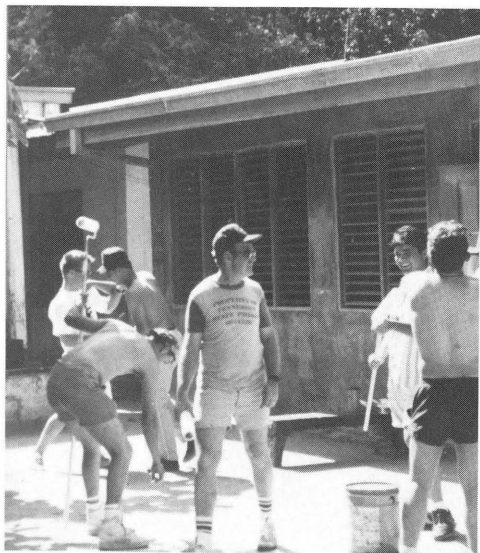
Ship's Party in Subic compliments of Combat Systems Dept.

Rentz Lends a Helping Hand:

Olongapo Salvation Army Balic-Balic Elementary 27-28 March 1991

While in Subic Bay RENTZ participated in 2 community projects. On 27 March, 30 RENTZ sailors distributed relief supplies including rice, beans, jam, and sanitary napkins to the Salvation Army in Olongapo, RP. The gift was accepted by the Salvation Army General and his family on behalf of the community.

The next day a group of 32 RENTZ sailors participated in a project to paint 2 recently built buildings on the school grounds of Balic-Balic Elementary in one of Olongapo's many barrios. Arriving in 2 buses loaded with paint, supplies and food the group quickly got to work. Within 2 hours, substantial progress had been made and the grill was started for lunchtime cookout consisting of hamburgers, hot dogs, beans and chips. There was enough food for everyone including the school staff. Even members of the local community were invited in until the food was gone. It was noted that the kids really liked the hotdogs. Painting continued until both buildings were finished and a third building almost finished as well. Prior to leaving the group received a letter of appreciation from the local mayor and was thanked by the school staff.



Balic-Balic Elem. before ...

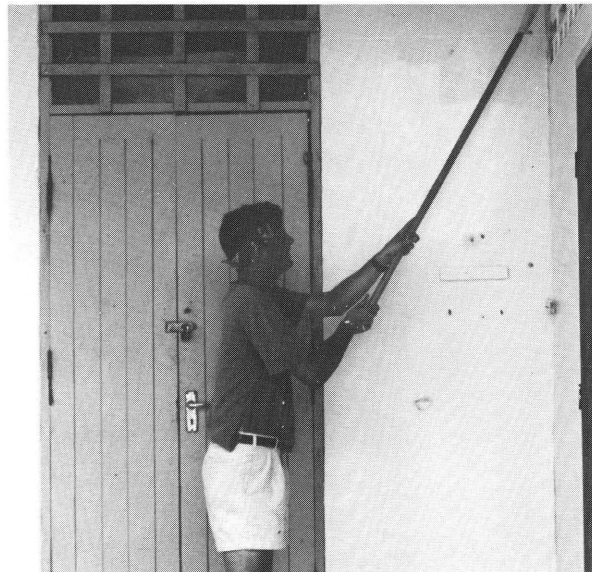
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Community Relations Projects

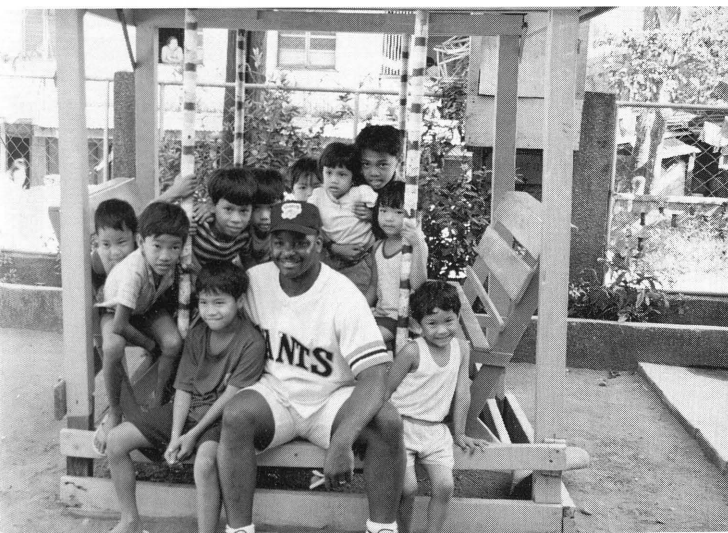
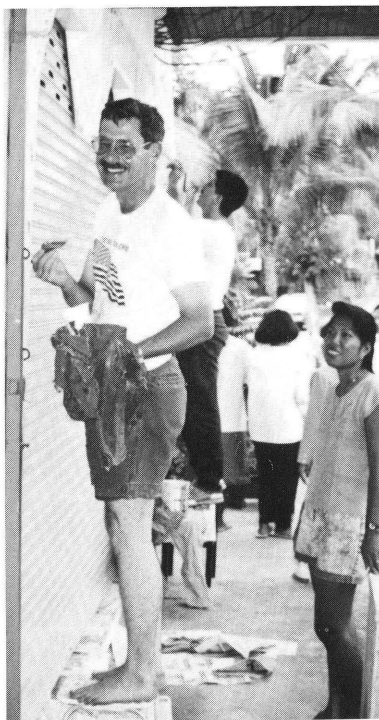
Baankalim School, 8 APR 91

On 8 Apr, 14 RENTZ volunteers painted the Baankalim Elementary School for Muslim children in Patong Beach Thailand. RENTZ was joined by sailors from USS CHANCELLORSVILLE and a painting party ensued. Meanwhile, EMCS Quidem, FC1 Putnam and STG1 Van Ausdall set up a barbecue. The local Thai children really liked the chow. Several sailors entertained the children on their breaks by laughing, singing songs and doing magic tricks for them.



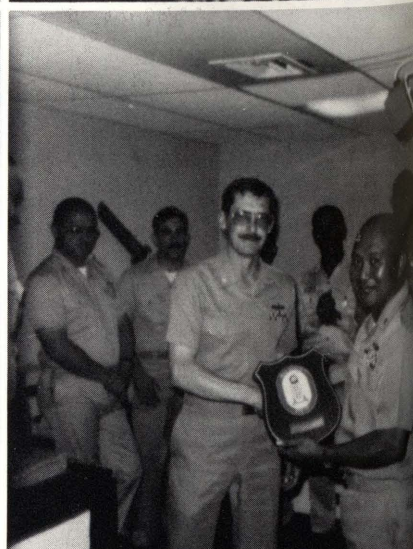
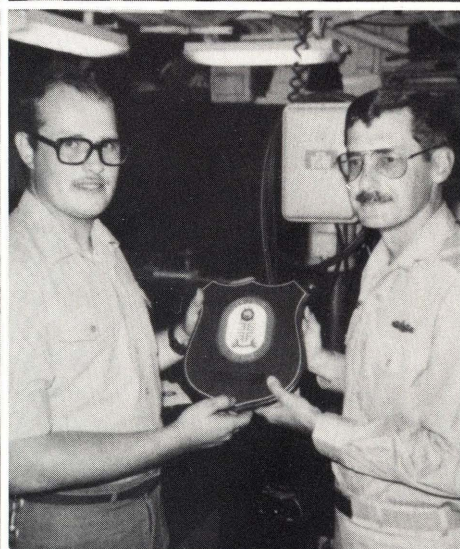
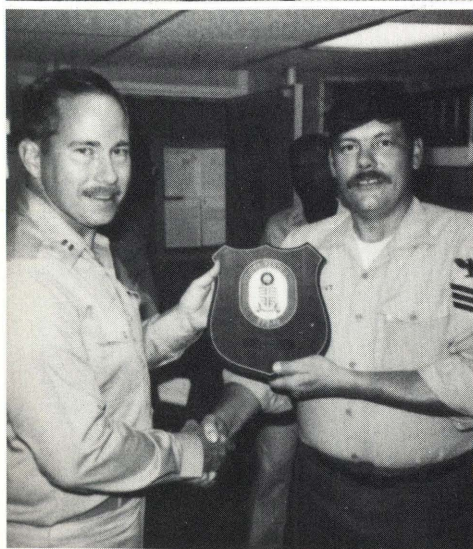
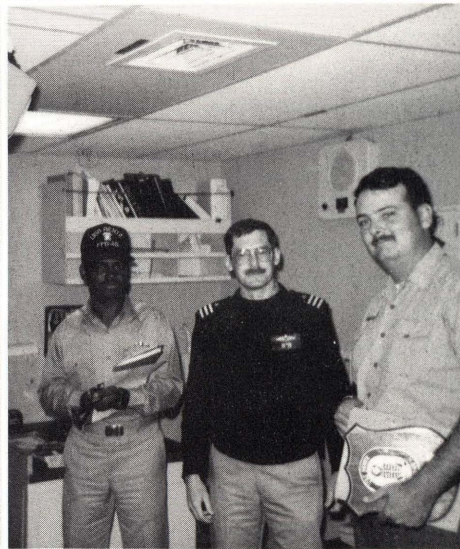
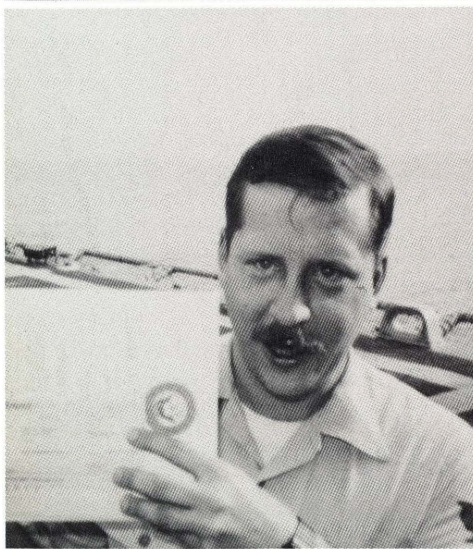
Fountain of Life Center, Pattaya, Thai 27 July 1991

RENTZ' last project was to help paint the fountain of Life Center for Girls in Pattaya Beach, Thailand on 27 July.



Deployment Reenlistments

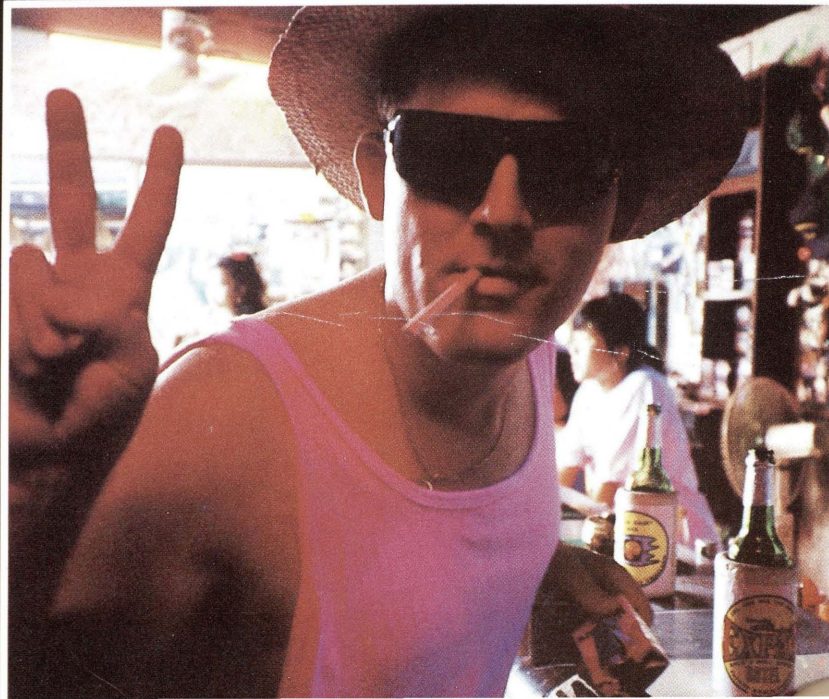
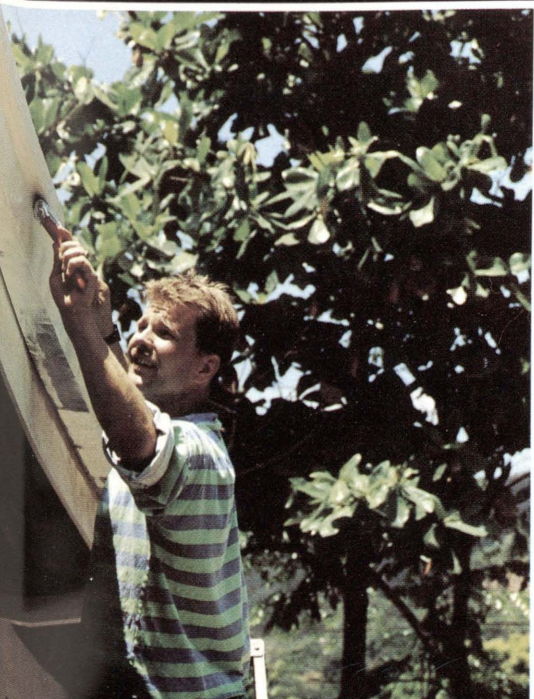
Clockwise from top left: OS3 Ruby, GMM1 Meade, EMCS Quidem, DC3 Tracy, SK1 Lockhart, OS1 Jochen, Career Counselor: STG1 Van Ausdall is center.



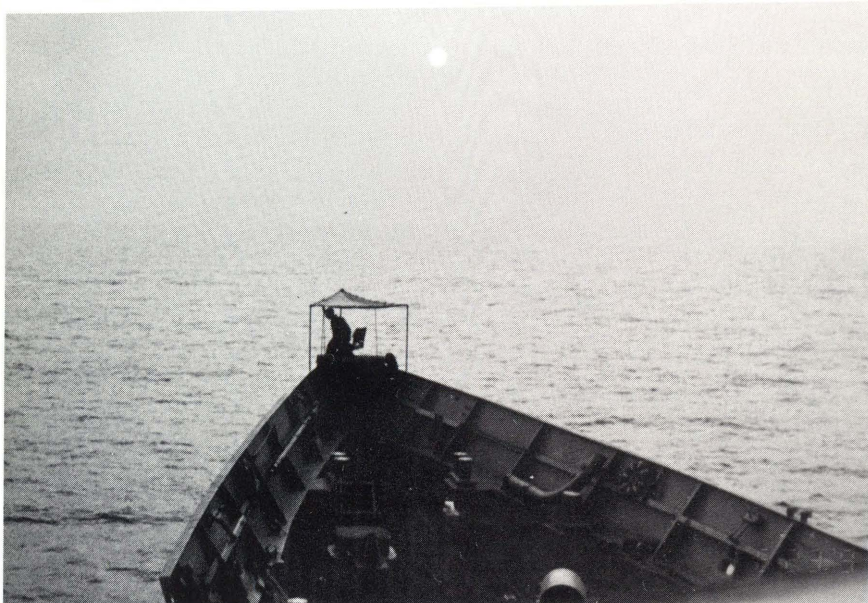
Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines

24-28 March

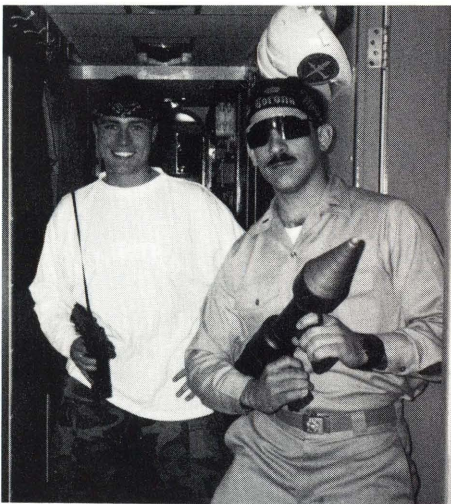
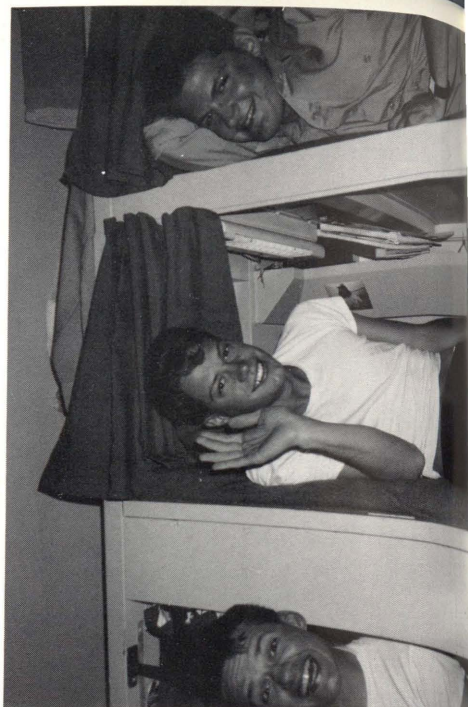
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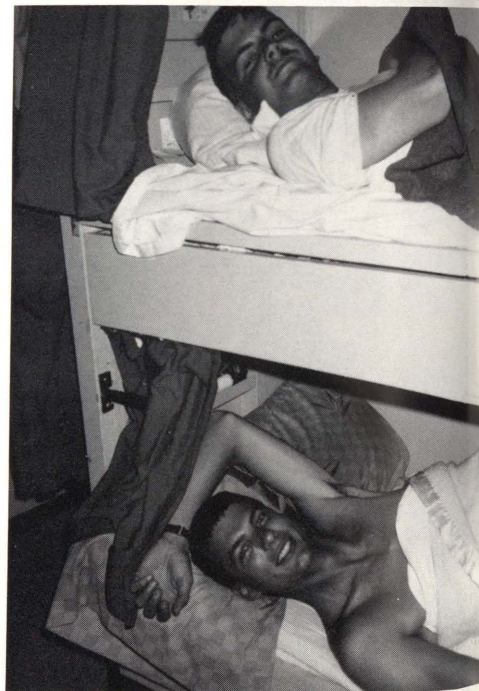
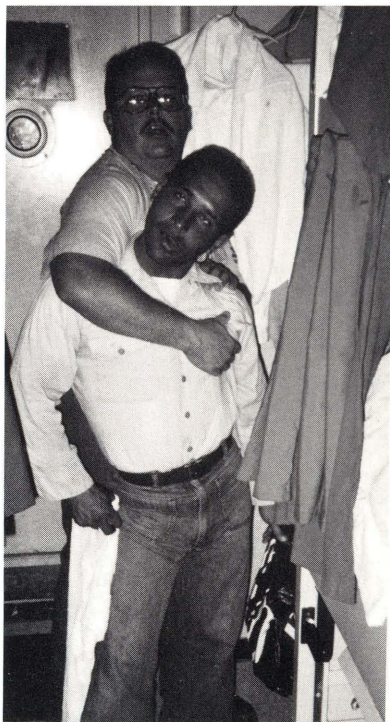
Life at Sea



The mine watch remained ever vigilant.



As demonstrated above and right, prolonged time at sea begins to induce unusual behavior.



A J.O. slumber party?

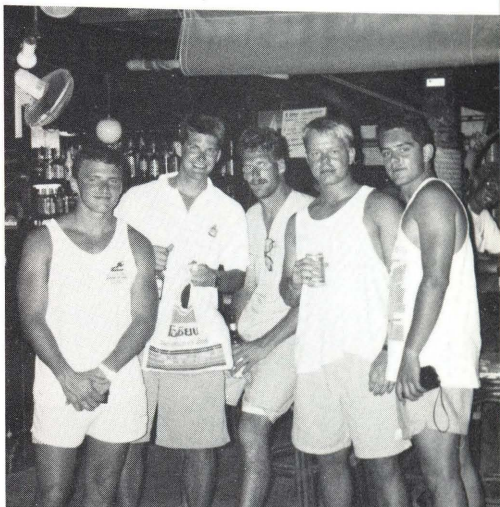


The Odd Couple.

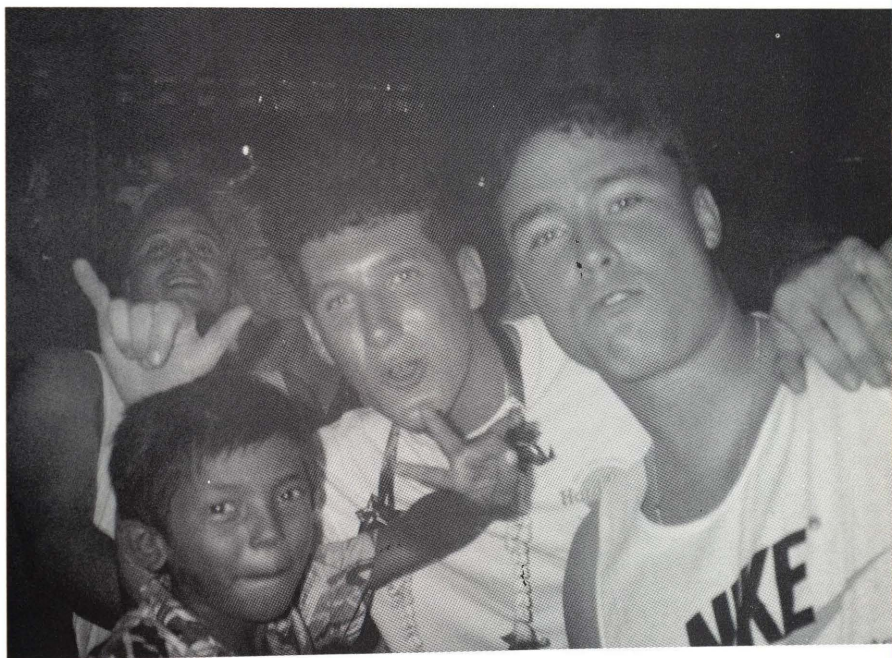
Phuket, Thailand 6-11 April 1991



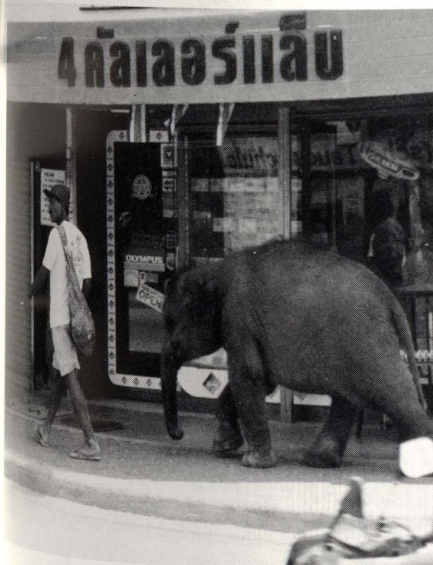
Phuket at dusk.



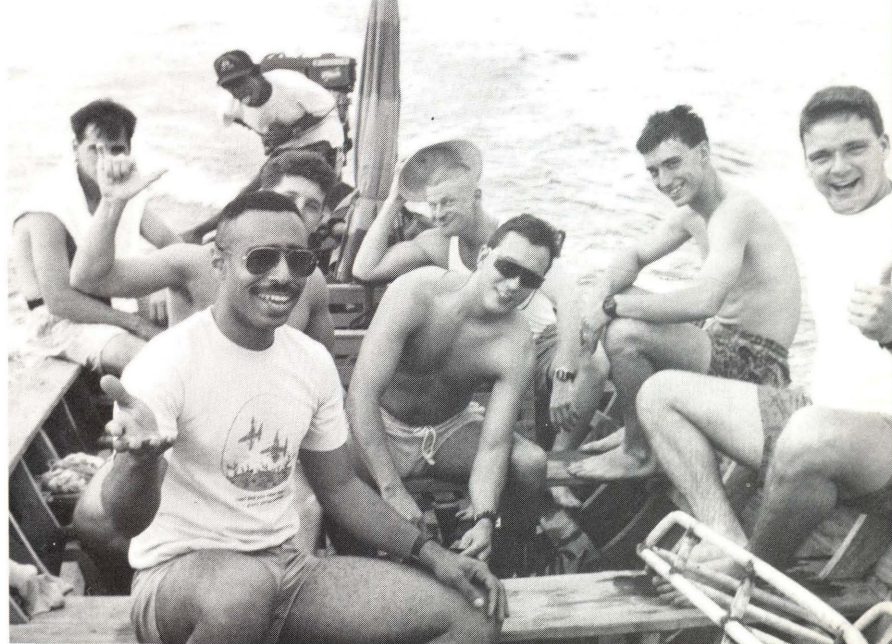
Cutting loose in Patong Beach.



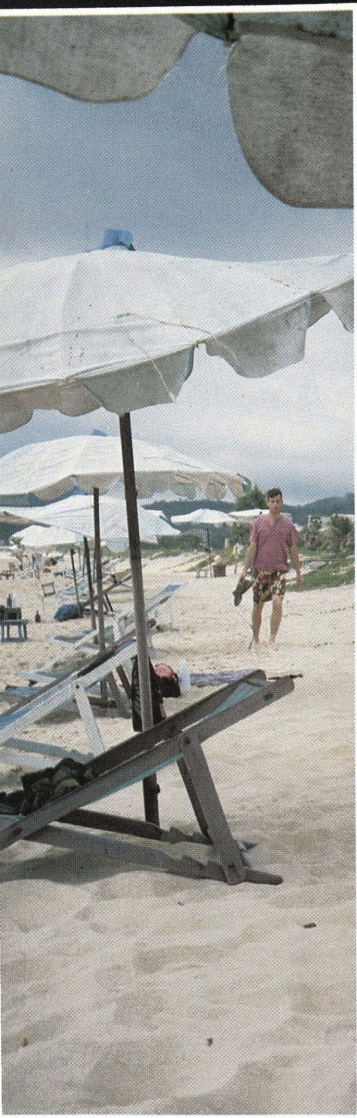
Below: Scuba excursions were a must.



Not an uncommon sight.



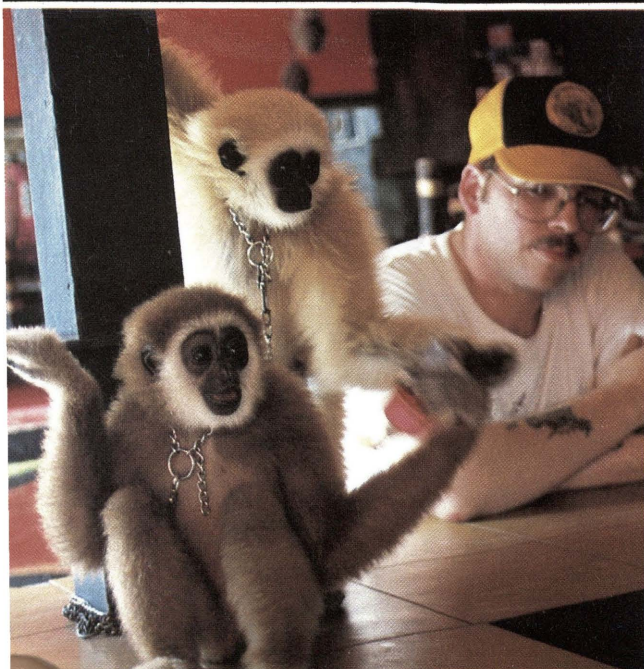
Phuket, Thailand



Bar Monkeys were good listeners.



A relaxing afternoon at sunny Patong Beach.



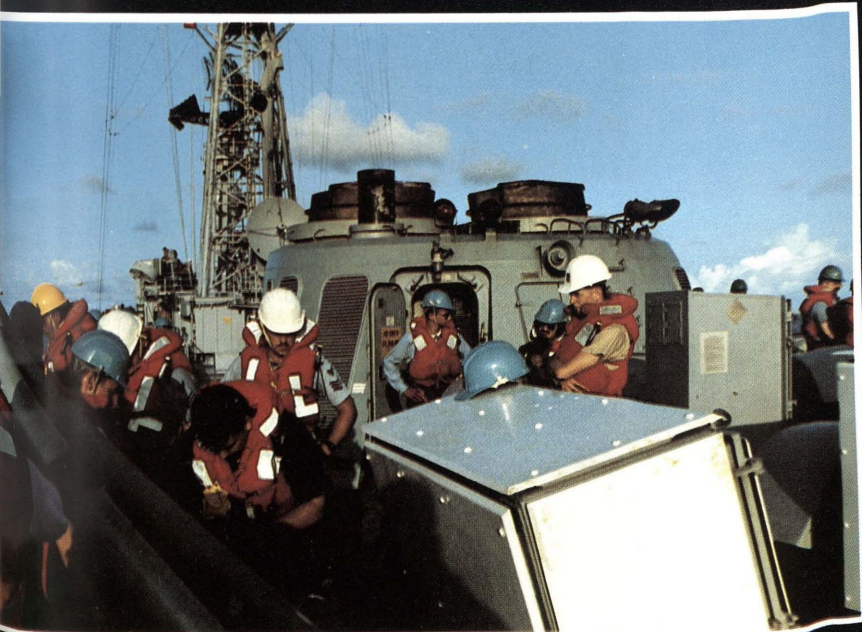
Underway Replenishment



Refueling from the aircraft carrier NIMITZ.



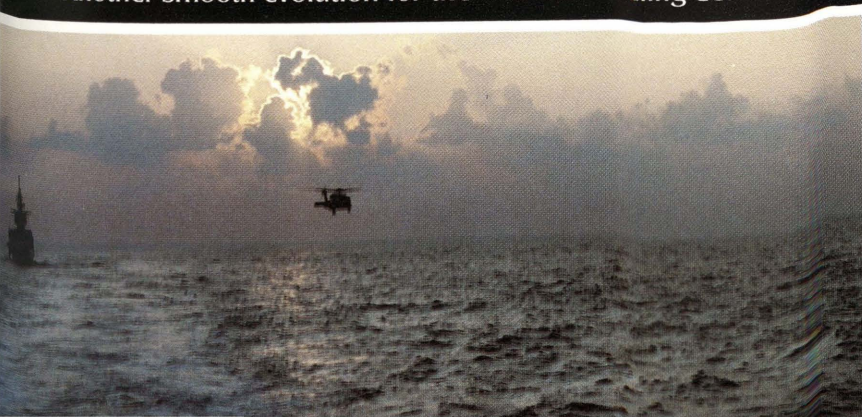
The oiler CAMDEN was Battle Group Bravo's own floating gas station.



Another smooth evolution for the well-oiled fueling detail.



Hauling over the probe.



On Station in the Arabian Gulf

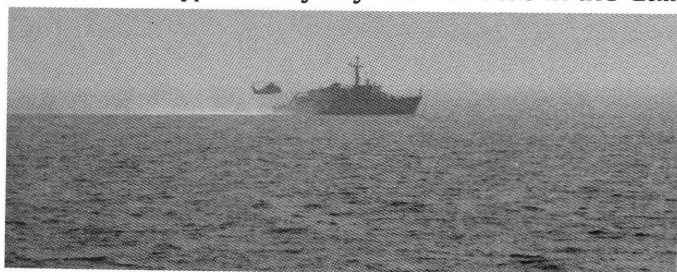
18 April to 16 July



A typical hazy day with flat seas in the Gulf.



An F-18 fly-over provides AAW practice.



We conducted Ops with many allied navies.



MCKEE Tender Availability in Jebel Ali.



Practice kept VBSS team prepared for boarding.



Counting Sea Snakes.

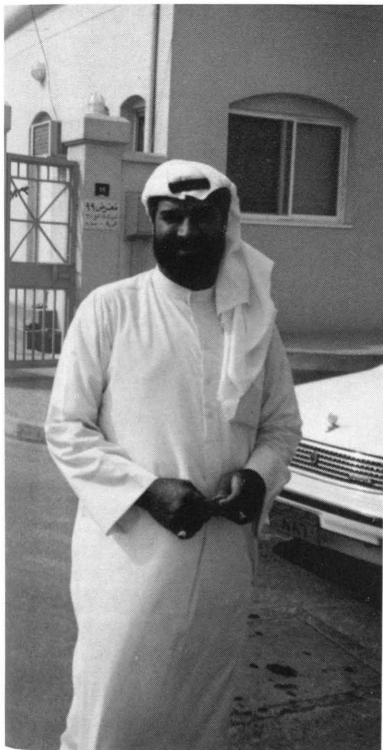


The Spanish FFG, Reina Sophia.

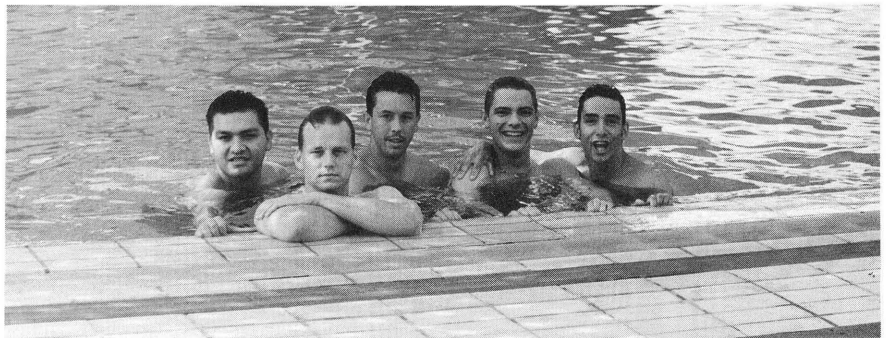
Mid East Port Visits

Roster of Visits:

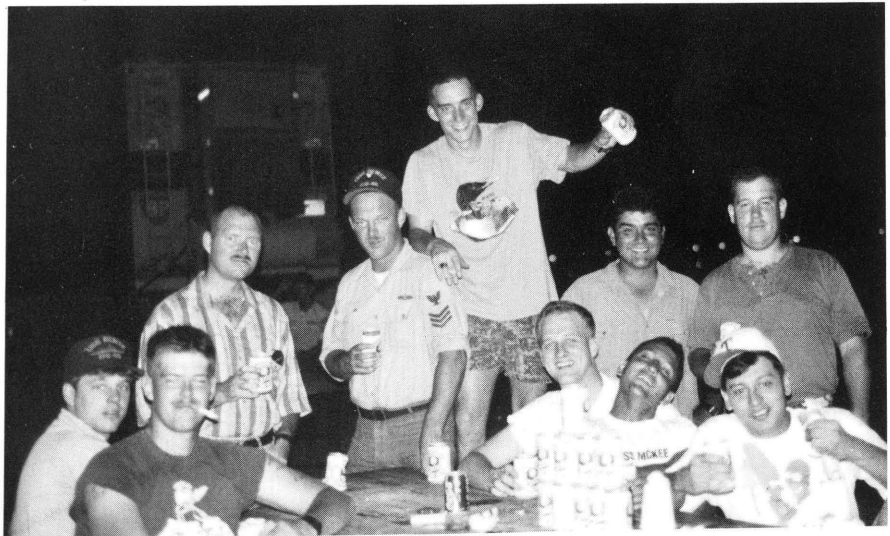
Jebel Ali, UAE	20-29	April
AL Dammam, Saudi Arabia	12-13	May
Abu Dhabi, UAE	25-29	May
Doha, Qatar	01-05	June
Bahrain	16-19	June
Muscat, Oman	03-05	July



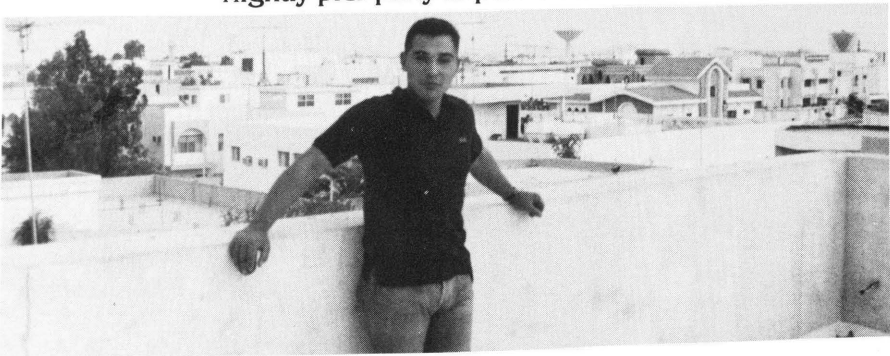
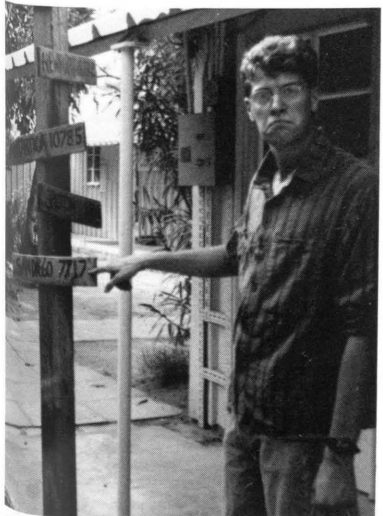
One of the locals in Qatar.



Hotel pools were desert oasis for some.

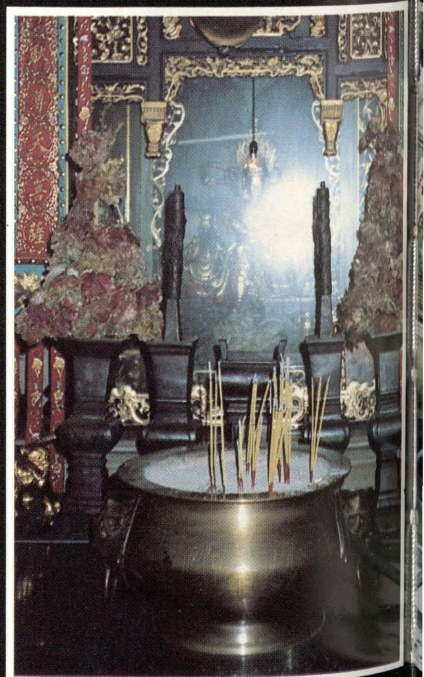


Nightly pier party in port of Jebel Ali.



Pattaya Beach, Thailand

24-28 July



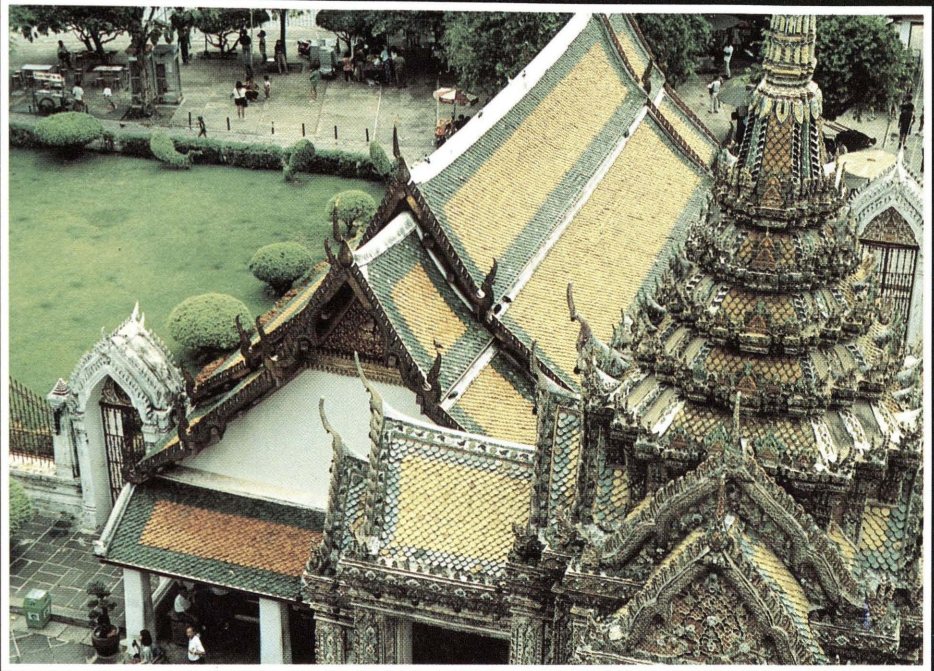
Shrines commemorating the dead.

Northern Thai hill-person.

Colorful Sights of Bangkok.



Above: Temple of the Dawn.



Temple of the Sun.



Buddhist monk near crocodile farm.



Above: 5.5 Ton solid gold Buddha. Left: Bangkok has a system of waterways such as this that serve as road.

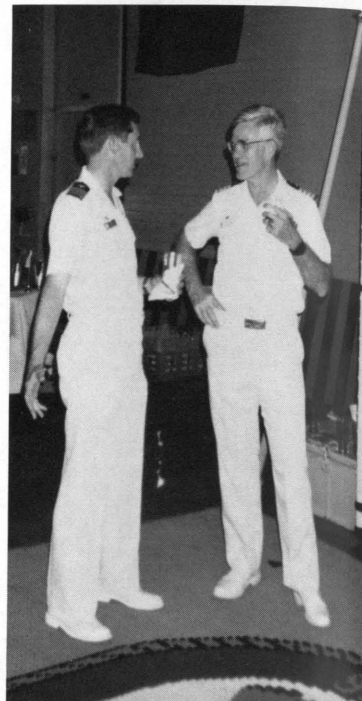
More From Pattaya ...



Storming Pattaya Beach.



Baby Doc and MS3 Nance making friends.



The CO and Commodore Wells greet foreign dignitaries in Doha.



Above: GSM1 Recker sightseeing in Bangkok. Left: Another exciting Liberty boat ride.

Reception at Doha, Qatar 02 June

US navy 'dominant force for years to come'

K N Sharma

A senior US naval officer said yesterday he thought the American navy would be the "dominant US force" in the Gulf for years to come, in the aftermath of the Gulf war.

Rear-Admiral Philip Quast, commanding officer of the carrier Nimitz battle group, said the navy did not need any base that might interfere with the social and cultural life of the people.

"I think we are the ideal force for the region... and we are going to dominate the sea to ensure the free flow of oil supplies and navigation through the Arabian Gulf", he said.

Admiral Quast arrived in Qatar yesterday

on a courtesy visit. He held a reception on board the frigate USS Rentz, part of the battle group, which is currently visiting Doha port.

Admiral Quast told newsmen that the US navy had shown without any doubt during the war that it had the capability to provide security and stability for the area.

The US navy had deployed six battle groups with 300 aircraft in the Arabian Sea and Red Sea, with the seventh — Nimitz — ready to set sail at any time it was needed. Now after the war, the 80-plane Nimitz, with its seven warships, had replaced the six battle groups in the region.

Admiral Quast said President Bush and

Defence Secretary Cheney had already indicated that the US preferred only a naval presence — not military — in the area. I said it would be a strong deterrent against any future conflict.

Nimitz, based in the Gulf of Oman, presently working closely with the navies of the Gulf states to restore confidence and commercial shipping back to normal. I said his battle group was self-sufficient and maintain itself in a "hospitable" area, in the Gulf.

The admiral said the US had maintained its naval presence in the area for more than 40 years. He expected it would keep on for another 40 to 50 years, because it had interests in the region.

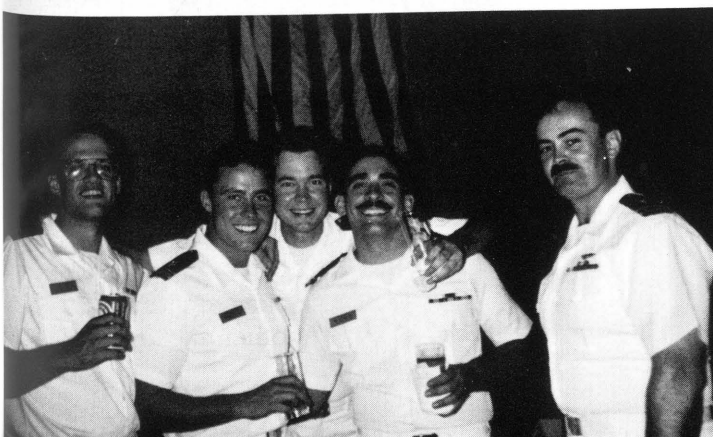


Rear Admiral Philip Quast, commander of the carrier Nimitz battle group, with two Qatari guests on board the USS Rentz last night. Also pictured at the reception on board the visiting warship are (on the right) the ambassadors of Egypt, Kuwait, the Soviet Union and the Saudi charge d'affaires, with one of the ship's officers.

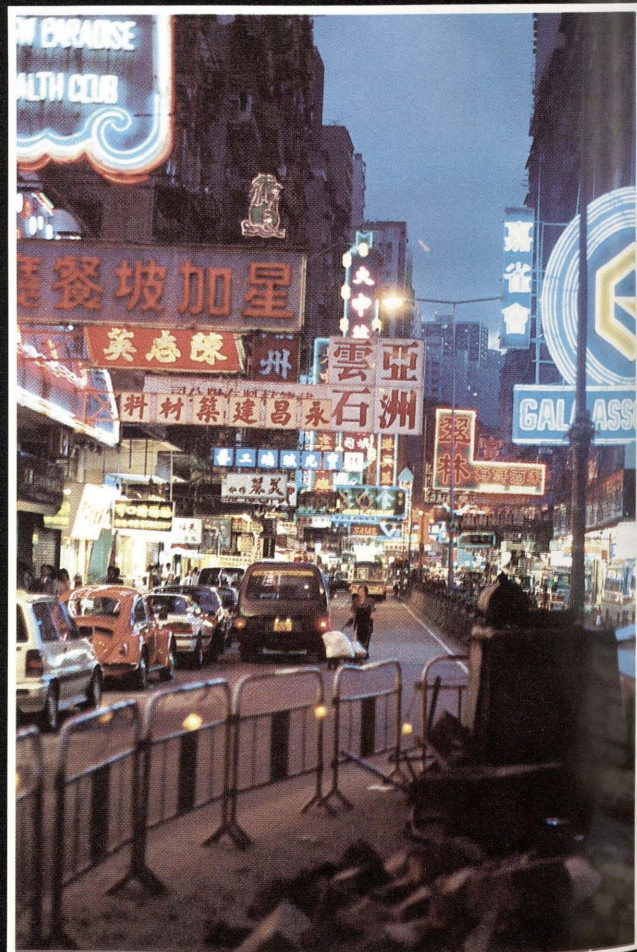
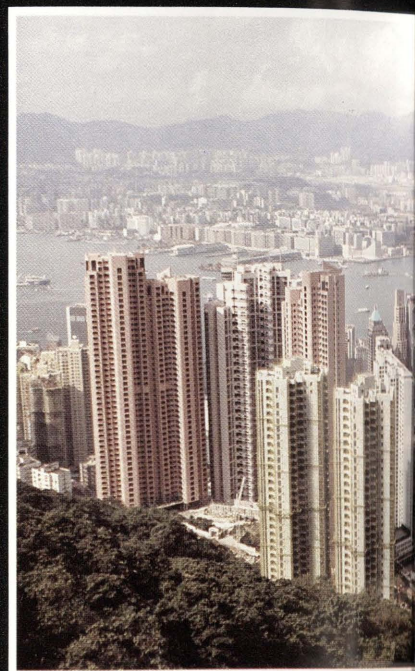
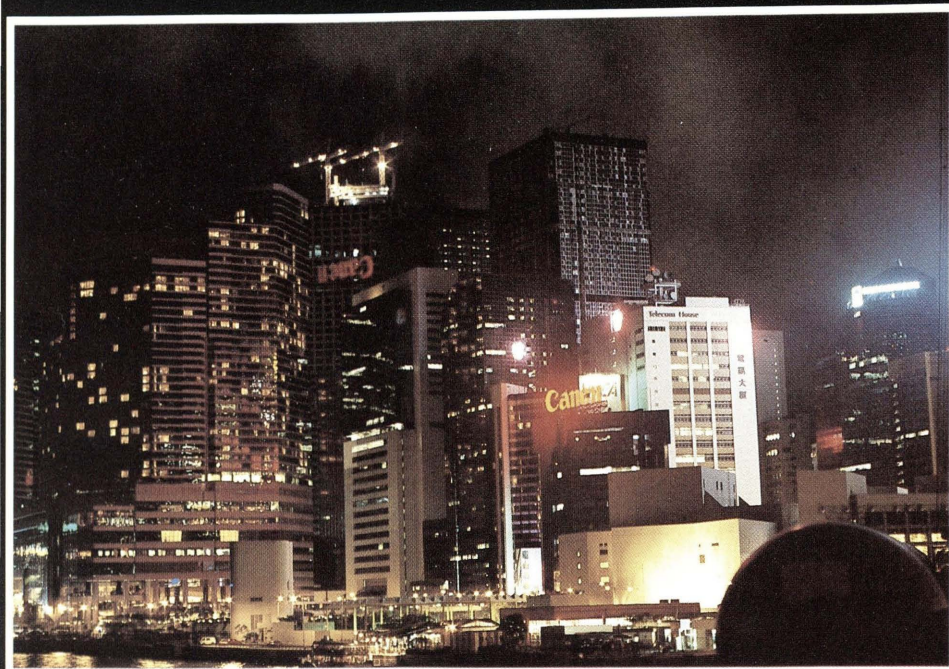


As part of a highly eventful four day port visit to Doha, Qatar, the Commander of Battle Group BRAVO, RADM Quast, hosted a gala reception onboard RENTZ for approximately 150 civilian and military dignitaries. In attendance were Ambassadors to Qatar from Britain, France, Soviet Union, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Korea, Japan, China, Egypt, Turkey, Tunisia, Oman, and the United States. Also present were the Qatari Foreign Minister and many representatives of the Qatari and foreign business communities.

All the preparations by RENTZ' crew really paid off, resulting in a highly successful affair. Overall, RENTZ' visit to Doha was a truly memorable occasion, marked by goodwill.

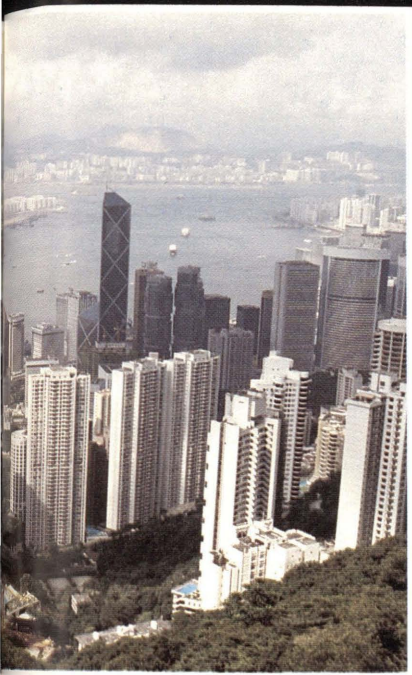


Hong Kong



The lights and signs could swallow you up.

2-6 August

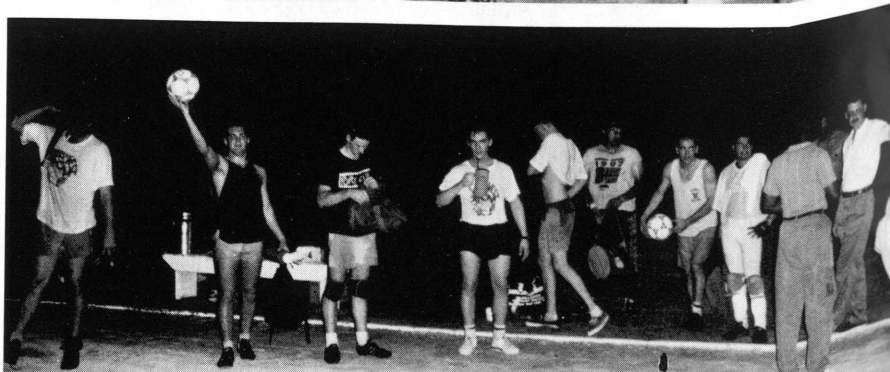
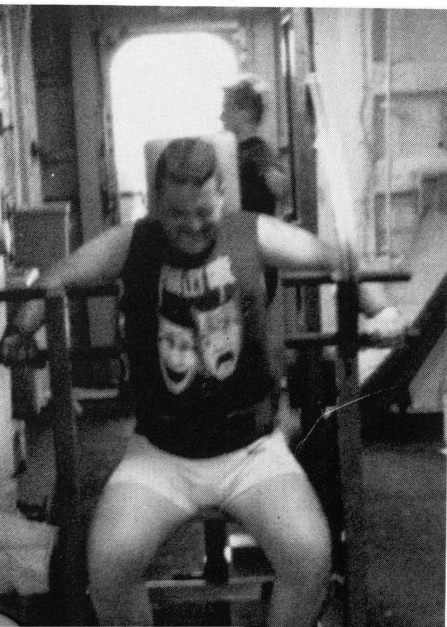
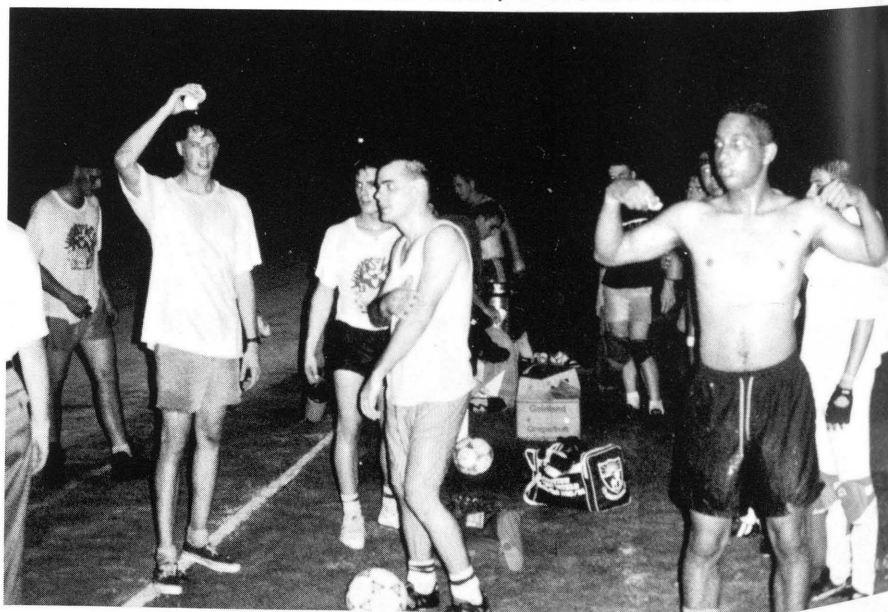


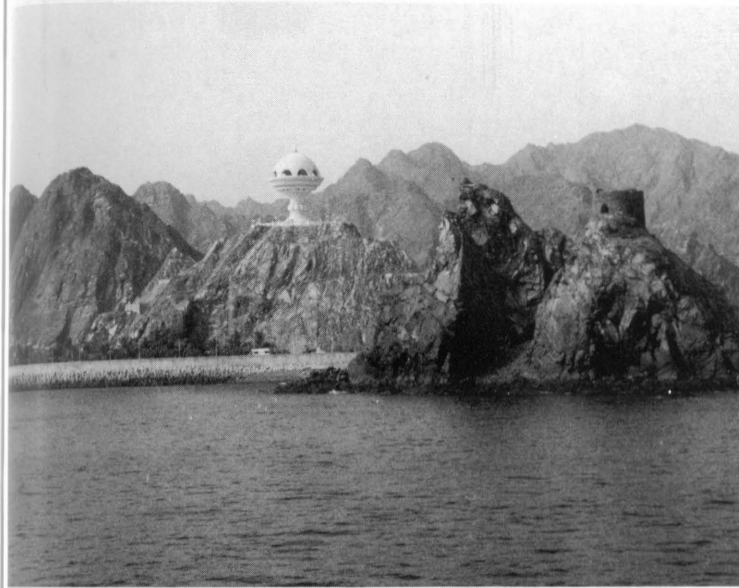
RENTZ Sports



The RENTZ Soccer Team, above and below.

RENTZ proved to have more than a few athletic competitors onboard for this cruise. In various ports many members organized softball, volleyball and soccer games. The RENTZ soccer team had the opportunity to play the Qatari and Omani National Teams (as evidenced in these two photos). Softball and volleyball were a favorite in Jebel Ali and Oman, as well. Working out in their free-time kept other crew members in shape.





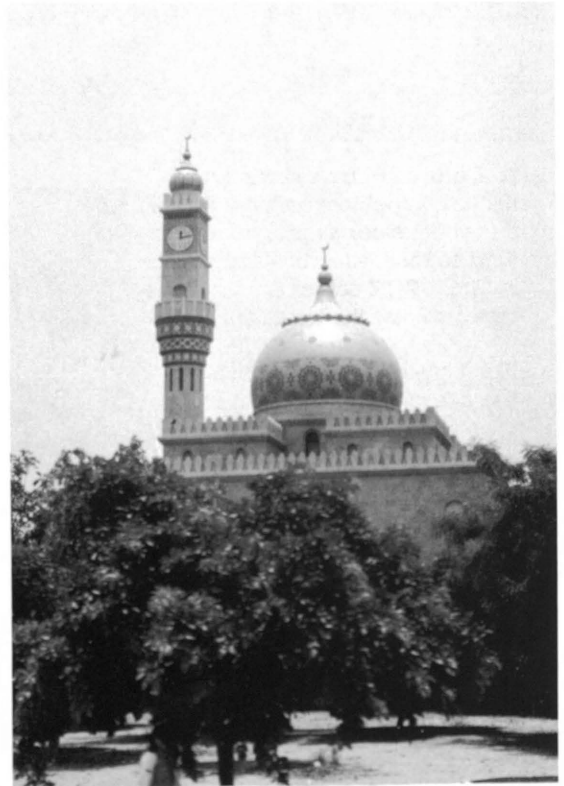
Oman's mountainous coastline.



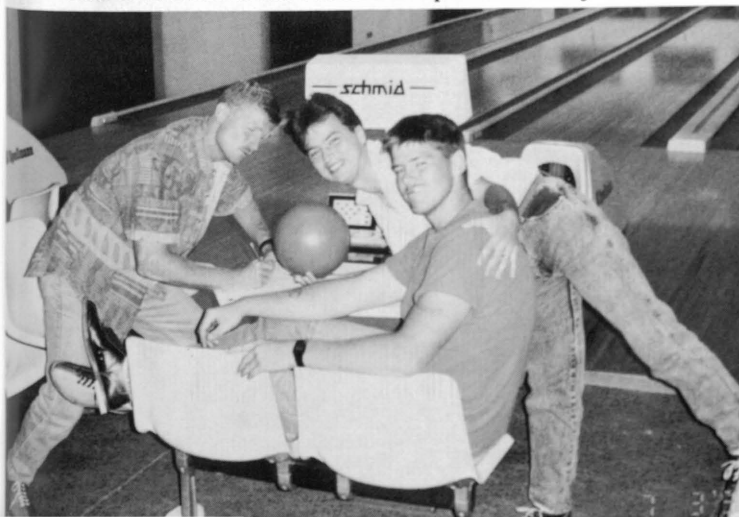
Chemical warfare warning in Dammam, S.A.



Bus ride back from Marine Corps 4th of July Bash.



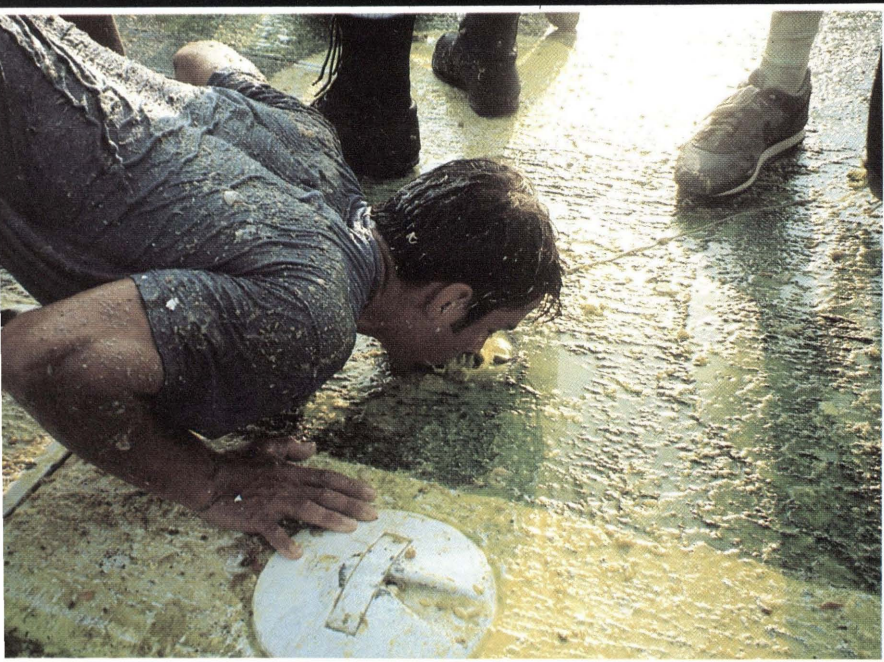
Bowling was a favorite pastime in Mid East.



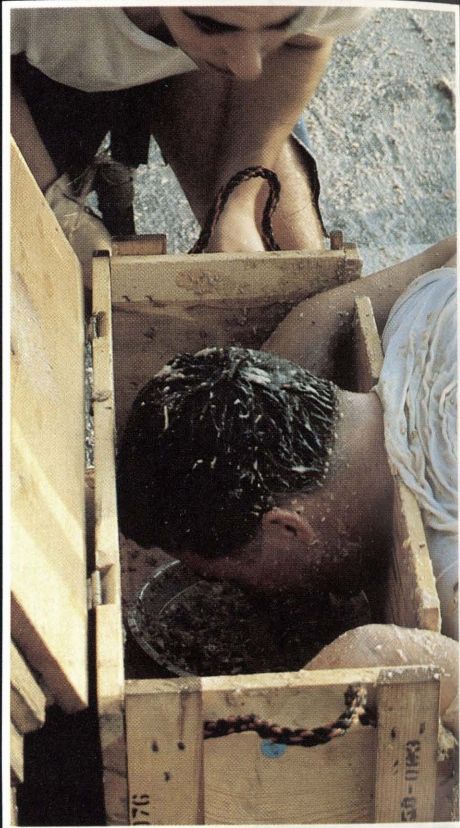
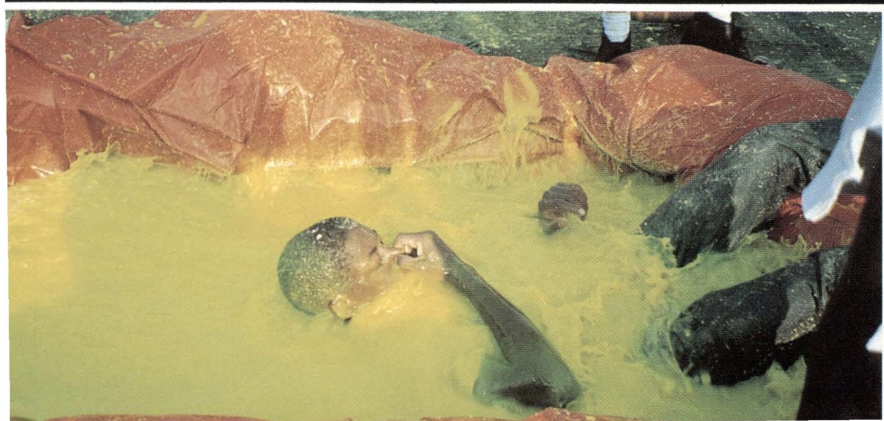
Crossing the Line Ceremony:



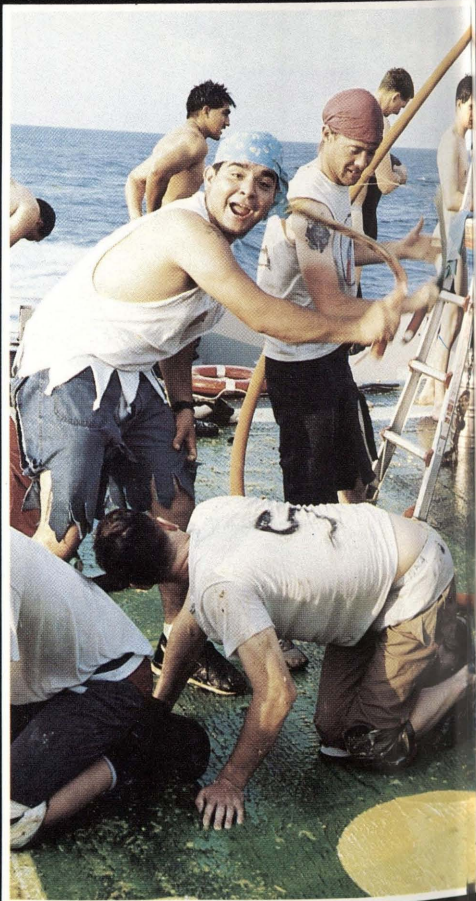
King Neptune and Royal Scribe, Davy Jones, initiate slimy pollywogs.



This putrid dunking completes the initiation into the Ancient Order of Shellbacks.

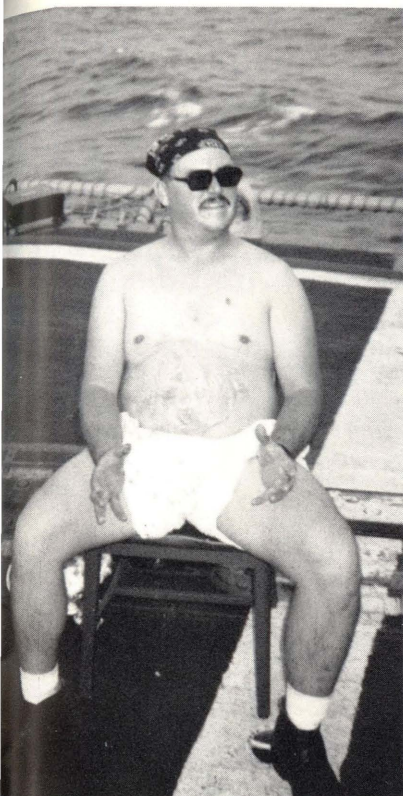


A Solemn Mystery of the Deep.

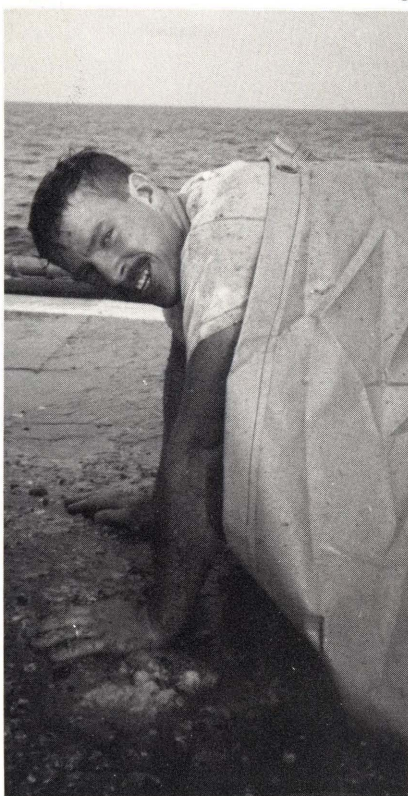


Trusty shellback teaching slimy wog The Way.

Slimy Pollywogs Become Trusty Shellbacks, 22 July



The Royal Baby.



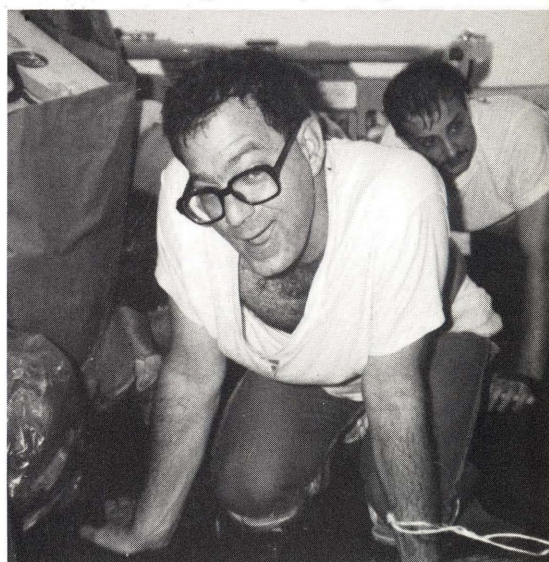
Crawling through slop.



Training the Royal Dog.



A prime candidate for Wog Dog.

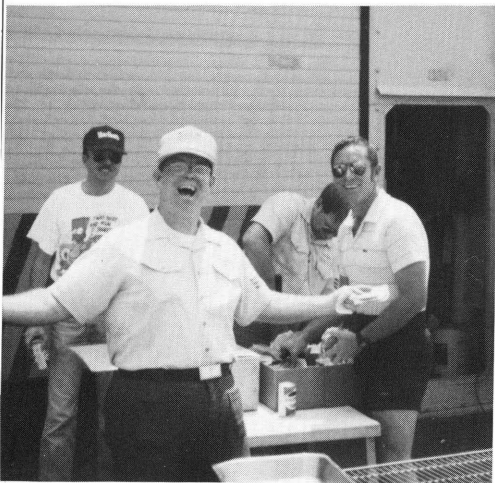


A happy pollywog.



More happy wogs.

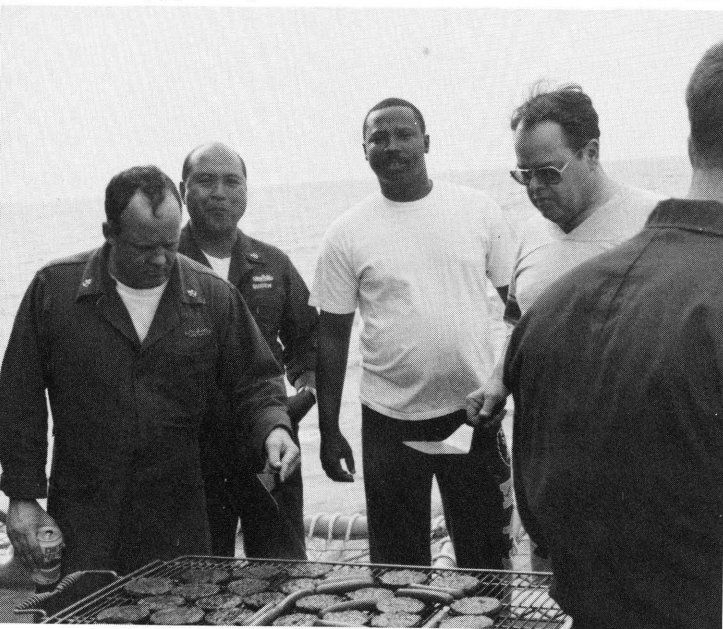
Fantail Cookouts and Steel Beach Picnics



Doc's a happy camper.



Fantail cookouts allowed us to unwind a bit.



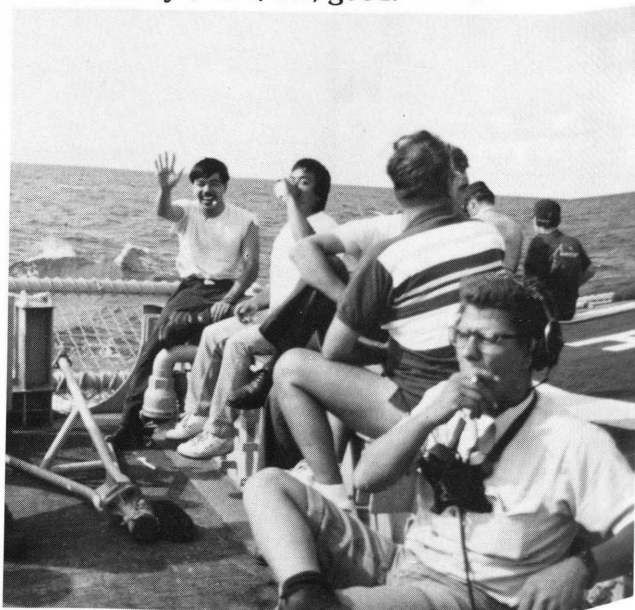
Lead by ICCS Busby, the old salts tend the grill.



DK1 Ford says, "UM, UM, good!"



Even the Captain and XO take a break.



Chillin' on da poop-deck.

DESRON 21 "Rampant Lion" Competition



By Winning we prove "RENTZ does it better."



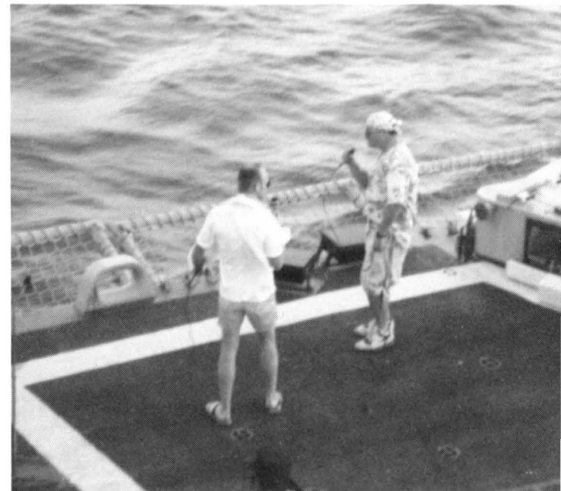
The RENTZ Steel Beach Boys.



Chiefs provide water balloon artillery.



First Class Petty Officers show spirit.

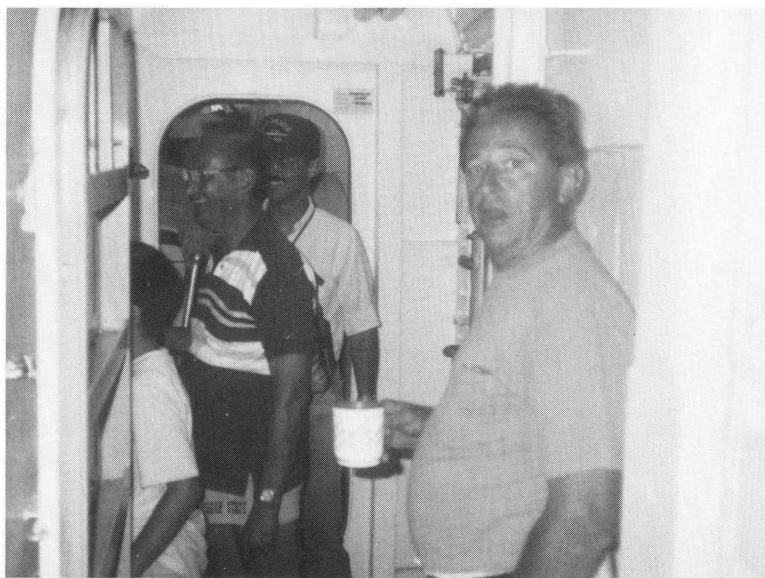


Brian Wilson move over!

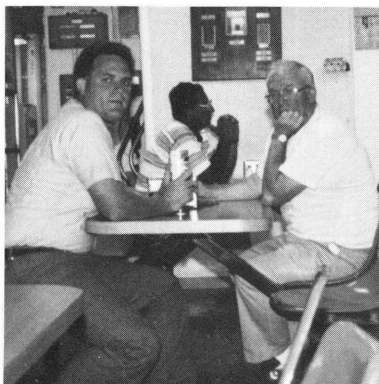


Letting it all Hang out.

Tiger Cruise



Excuse me, is this the mess line?



Small arms demonstrations were a highlight for many.

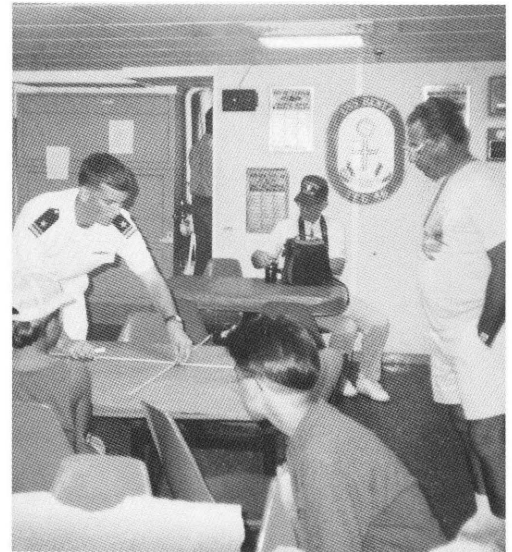
19-27 August

RENTZ Tigers:

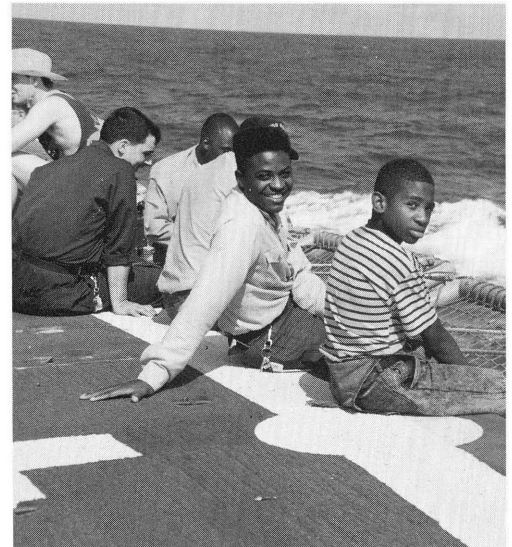
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William Cummings, Jr.
Robert Darrow
Trevor Frahn
Travis Frahn
Allen Gibbons, III
Ted Grosberg
John Haddock
Randy Hancock
Ken Herring
Walt Hood
Ty Jackson, Jr.
Andrew Johnson
Jack Johnson
Paul Kaminsky
Merle Kruse
Ray Lock
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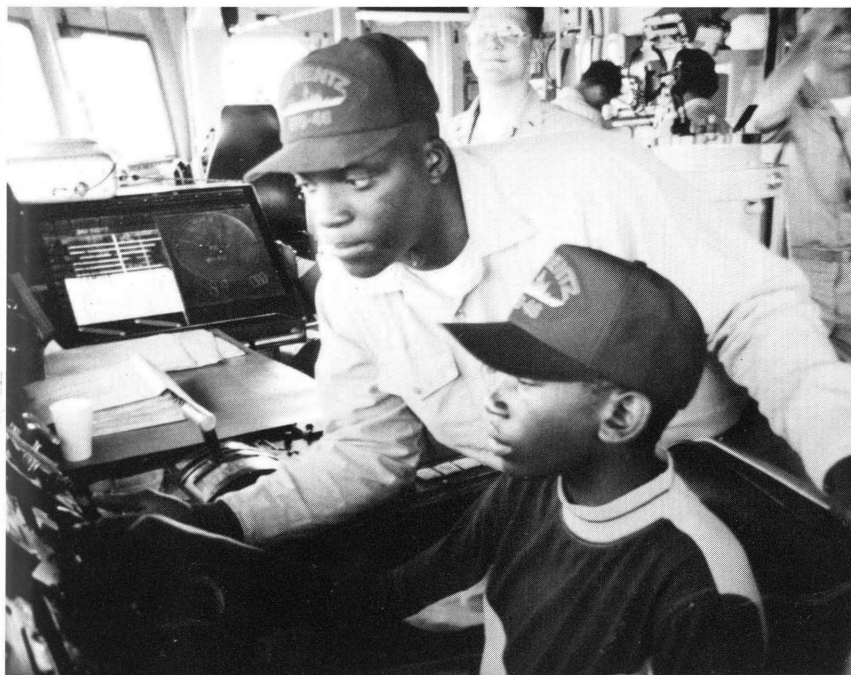
Tiger stretcher bearer training



LTJG Walch's fine art of kite-making.



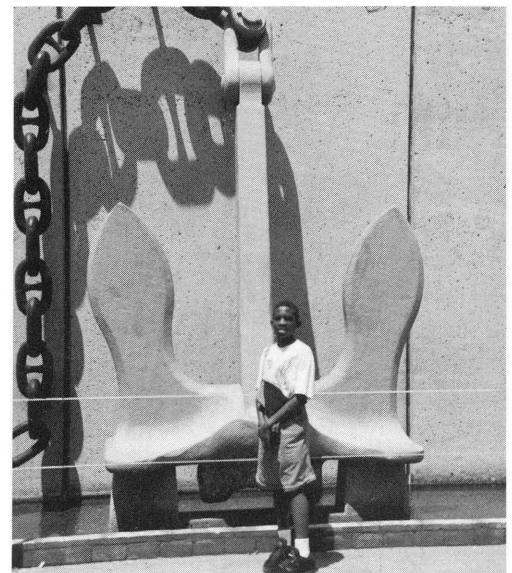
Left, SN Burns provides some expert helmsman training.



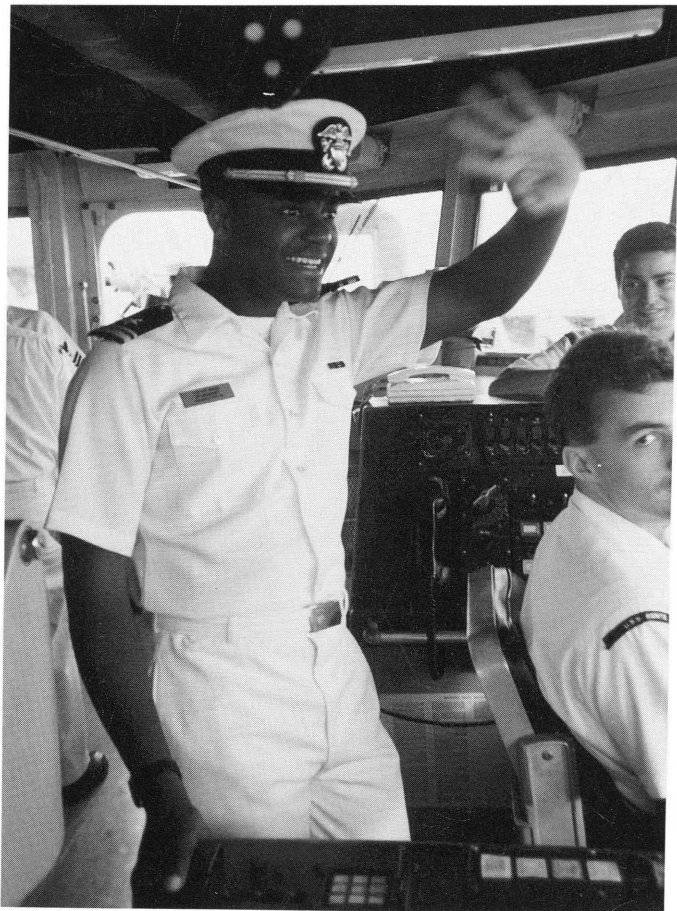
What is Tiger Cruise?

"Tiger Cruise" is a program which allows fathers, sons, brothers and friends of crew members to experience briefly the many thrills and drills of Navy life. The "Tigers", as participants are fondly called, joined RENTZ in Pearl Harbor for the week-long transit voyage to RENTZ homeport of San Diego.

Onboard, the Tigers get a behind-the-scenes-look into Navy life at sea. In addition to witnessing regular daily routines, many activities and events were planned especially for the Tigers including tours of the ship, helicopter and weapons demonstrations, and even an ice cream social was held in their honor.



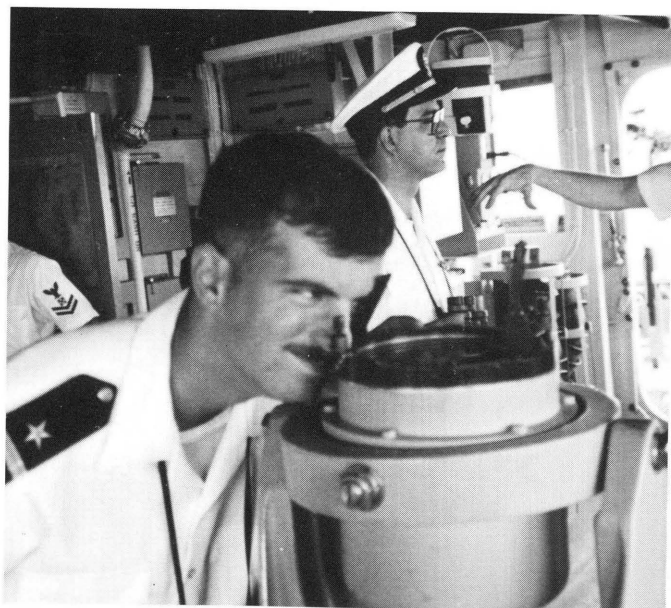
HOME COMING!



Hello San Diego!



A sight for sore eyes.

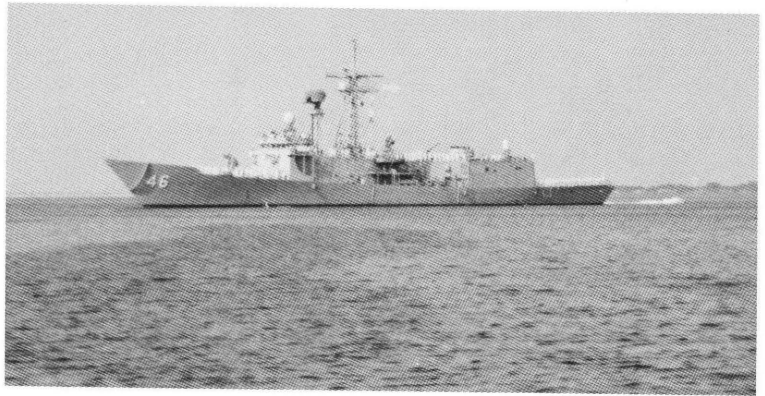
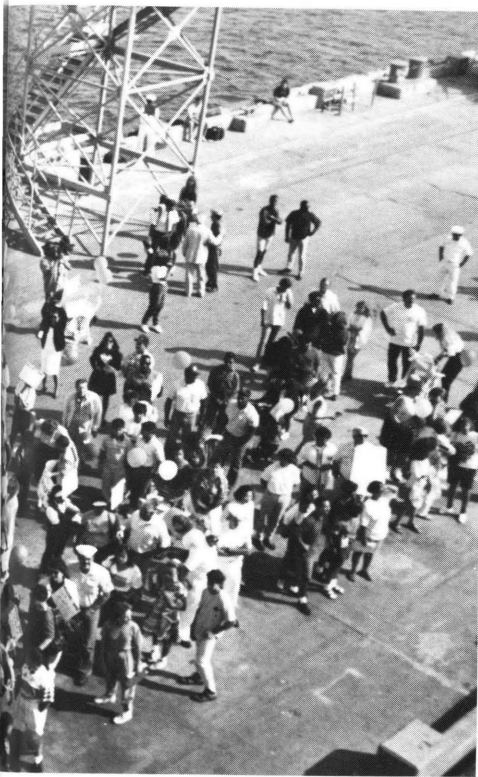


Making a straight shot for Pier 5.



Only a few more minutes now.

On 27 August 1991, after six long months away, the men of **RENTZ** returned to a jubilant throng of family, friends and loved ones awaiting them at the pier at Naval Station San Diego. It's good to be HOME!



The Home Stretch.

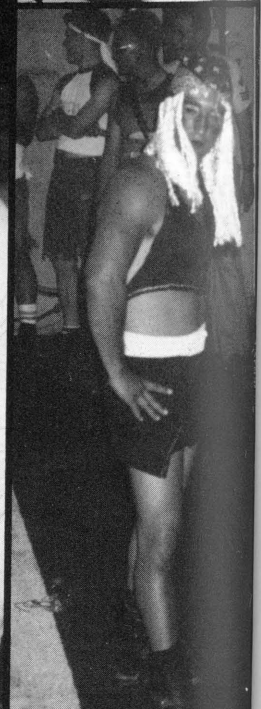
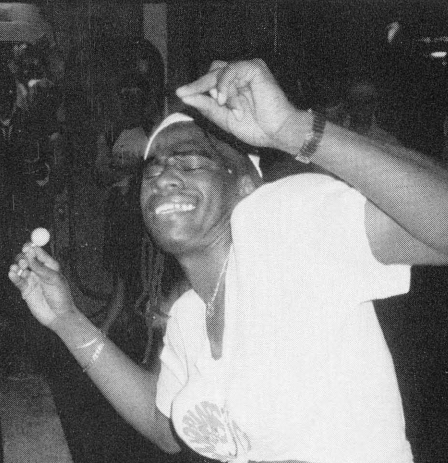
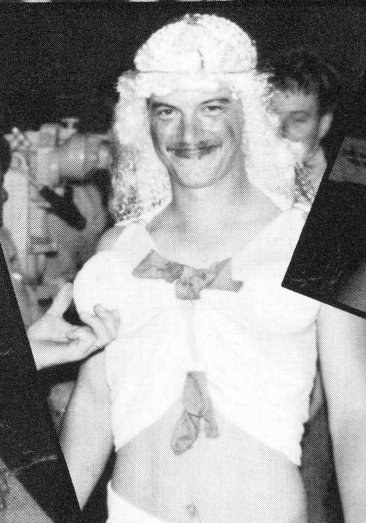
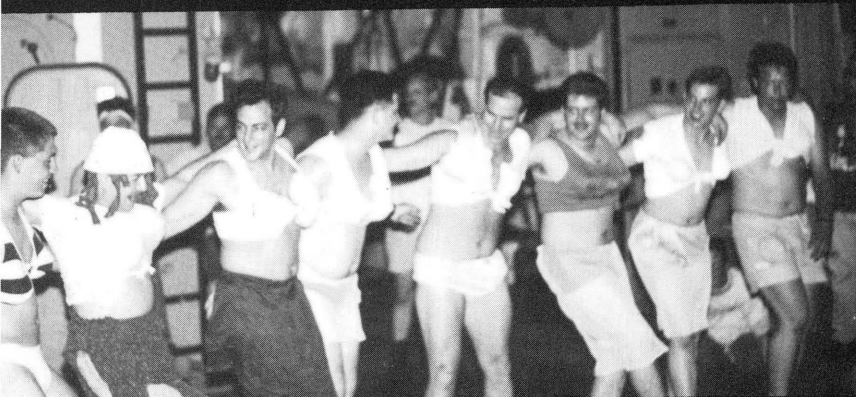


Are we nearly there?



The Bow! Get The Bow!

Parting Shots: The RENTZ Cuties



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